



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 23, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

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DRAFT

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Director of Finance Cherie Trahan presented an overview of the distributed handouts. At the April 10, 2012 meeting, the Town Manager will present thoughts on what a zero increase budget might look like.

III. OPERATING TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS

Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente reviewed the Parks and Recreation Fund and explained the new revenue line item in this proposed budget for the cost of Town events to the Community Center.

FLAG - Establish policy as to whether to include MCC reimbursement for Town activities in a line item (as proposed) or as a subsidy (as previously done)

FLAG - Add a FTE of 11.5 to reflect Parks & Recreation program staff. Pg 213

Director of Finance Cherie Trahan presented an overview of the Debt Service Fund noting the Town's current debt load is comparatively light.

Downtown Partnership Director Cynthia van Zelm highlighted the accomplishments of the Partnership.

FLAG - Change Estimated 2011/12 MDTP membership revenue to \$15,000.

IV. INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola spoke about the sustained positive position of the Health Insurance Fund and future plans to continue to affect the Workers' Compensation Fund.

FLAG - Provide information on the aggregate expected stop loss coverage.

V. OTHER AGENCIES FUNDS

VI. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET/COUNCIL QUESTIONS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

All agenda items not reviewed this evening will be added to the April 11, 2012 agenda.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 9, 2012

DRAFT

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber 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. Schaefer seconded to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2012 special meeting as presented. Motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Lindsey who abstained. Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Keane seconded to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Lindsey who abstained. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2012 special meeting as presented. Motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Lindsey who abstained. Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2012 special meeting. Motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane, Mr. Kochenburger and Mr. Schaefer who abstained.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, applauded efforts to present a responsible budget but decried the increase spending due to the extra employees needed on the Storrs Center Project. (Statement attached)

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, commented on the increases in the Board of Education budget and the number of personnel for the Storrs Center Project. (Statement attached)

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, urged the Council to charge Region 19 for the use of the pool at the Community Center and asked what the life expectancy of such a pool is. Ms. Wassmundt asked the Council to remove the vending machines from the Town Hall; to not approve the classification change for the Assistant to the Town Manager and to not hire additional employees.

Richard Cowles, Meadowood Road, asked the Council to act frugally and compared the Town's budget to the Titanic. Mr. Cowles expressed outrage at the retroactive pay raises he heard were given to employees.

Pat Suprenant, Gurleyville Road, expressed concern with the use of reserve funds in the Board of Education's budget, as these funds may not be available in future years.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Richard Cheney, Highland Road and owner of Highland Ridge Golf Range, submitted a letter to the Council urging the Town to hire a lawyer to represent and protect the rights of residents with regards to the CL&P Reliability Project. (Statement attached)

Richard Civie, representing Mansfield Citizens United, also spoke in support of the hiring of a lawyer to represent the Town in front of the Siting Council. Mr. Civie spoke to a similar situation in another town which was appealed to the CT Supreme Court.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, asked the Council not to accept the 24 acres from the University stating that it is unnecessary and may be costly.

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Bradley Wright, Willowbrook Road, presented a petition expressing the concerns of residents regarding the potential traffic impact associated with the opening of the parking garage. Mr. Wright spoke to the potential unintended consequence of the use of Willowbrook Road as a throughway to the garage. (Petition and submitted materials to be included as a communication in the 4/23/2012 packet)

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, spoke against the addition of employees to assist with the Storrs Center building project.

Jim Soroka, Willowbrook Road, asked the Council to listen to the residents and protect this neighborhood and its children.

Susan Singer Bansal, Willowbrook Road, asked the Council to take seriously the concerns of the neighborhood. Ms. Singer Bansal stated the community has had traffic issues before and is concerned for the many people who walk and play in the area. (Statement attached)

Alison Hilding, Southwood Road, questioned the proposal to increase the pay of the Town Manager and the Assistant to the Town Manager.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, questioned why none of the lawyers in attendance at the last Personnel Committee meeting could answer his questions regarding the admissibility of evidence in front of the Ethics Commission.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, objected to the proposed raise for the Town Manager and spoke against making it retroactive. Ms. Wassmundt does not think the Town should accept the acreage being given by UConn, asked who owns the land under the parking garage and questioned Mayor Paterson's commentary in The Chronicle regarding the Storrs Center Project.

V. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written statement Town Manager Matt Hart offered the following comments:

The one time and the ongoing expenses the Town is experiencing with the Storrs Center Project were included in the fiscal impact analysis and will be covered by revenue. The public comments regarding the promotion of the Assistant to the Town Manager to Assistant Town Manager were unfortunate and violate the established rules of procedure established by the Council. The change in position is warranted and the person will make a tremendous Assistant Town Manager. The land under the parking garage is owned by the Town.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Moran reported much of the information presented during public comment is untrue. No public employee received a zero increase in pay one year and then received a raise retroactively the next. The Town Manager's proposed raise is retroactive to the beginning of the year because the Town Council review process was delayed.

Mr. Ryan corrected the statement made during public comment which identified the Boards' of Education ranking with regards to expenditures as 29th. The K-8 expenditure ranking is 29th and the Region 19 expenditure ranking is 55th.

Mayor Paterson reported she and Attorney Stephen Bacon wrote the commentary in The Chronicle as members of the Downtown Partnership Board. In response to a question from the Mayor, the Town Manager noted the concerns of the Willowbrook Road

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residents will be discussed at the next Transportation Advisory Committee and will then be offered as a future agenda item.

Mr. Kochenburger stated that although the comments regarding the Assistant to the Town Manager are within the bounds of free speech it is his opinion the promotion is well deserved and that the employee has been working as an Assistant Town Manager but had been being paid as an Assistant to the Town Manager. Mr. Kochenburger also stated the Town has never taken responsibility for the cost over runs at the garage, the majority of which were with regards to the foundation.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

2. Connecticut Light and Power Interstate Reliability Project

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to authorize the Mayor to submit a revised letter to the Connecticut Siting Council in advance of the April 24, 2012 public hearing expressing the Mansfield Town Council's opposition to the proposed route and detailing a comprehensive list of mitigation measures, including those endorsed on January 23, 2012 and the following:

- Relocation of the Mount Hope Montessori School
- Exchange of land at 87 Bassetts Bridge Road (Green Dragon Daycare)
- Location of construction access roads in the least disruptive location for single-family homes along the route.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Linda Painter reviewed the conversations she has had with daycare providers in the affected area.

Members discussed the concerns of these businesses and other businesses in the path of the project.

Ms. Ryan moved and Ms. Keane seconded to amend the motion by removing the words, "...in advance of the April 24, 2012 public hearing..." and to add the following points:

- Require mitigation measures including consideration of the concerns expressed by the owners of the Highland Ridge Golf Range
- Require mitigation of the effects of the Connecticut Light and Power Reliability Project on any and all other local business within the area affected by this project.

The motion to amend passed unanimously as did the amended motion.

The Mayor will present the revised letter at the April 24, 2012 meeting of the Siting Council. The Town Manager, Town Attorney and Director of Planning and Economic Development will also be present to assist.

Council members discussed the merits of hiring outside counsel and, by consensus, agreed not to do so.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move Item 7 Lease Extensions for Town-owned Agricultural Properties, Item 8 Open Space Action Plan and Item 9 Community Farms Preservation Program as the next items on the agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. WPCA-- Benefit Assessment -- Extension of Town Sewers to serve the College Mart Plaza

Ms. Keane moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on April 23, 2012, to solicit public comments regarding the extension of town sewers to serve the College Mart Plaza.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Storrs Center Update

Town Manager Matt Hart reported the recent article in Patch reflects old news about stop work orders. Tomorrow at 11:00 am Coach Auriemma will be making an announcement regarding a business in Storrs Center.

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Mr. Shapiro requested an update regarding what contractors and subs did incorrectly, if anything, with regards to the stop work orders. The Town Manager will provide, to the best of his ability, an accounting of the events and process.

5. Community-Campus Relations

The Town/Gown Committee will be meeting on April 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Planning for non Spring Weekend continues. Mayor Paterson reported on the efforts of members of the Town and University to visit students in the neighborhoods and talk to them about their responsibilities.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

6. Fair Housing Policy & Resolution

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective April 9, 2012, to adopt the attached Fair Housing Policy Statement.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Keane seconded effective April 9, 2012, to adopt the attached Fair Housing Resolution.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded, effective April 9, 2012, to adopt the attached Compliance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Policy.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Lease Extension for Town-owned Agricultural Properties

Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective April 9, 2012, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed extensions for the lease of Town agricultural properties. The form of such lease extension agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney.

Agriculture Committee Chair Al Cyr stated the leases are in the process of being reviewed and the Committee is requesting the current leases be extended which will give the Committee time to upgrade the terms of the leases.

Members discussed the benefits received by the Town by leasing these properties.

Mr. Shapiro called the question. Seconded, the motion to call the question passed unanimously as did the original motion.

8. Open Space Action Plan

Ms. Keane moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective April 9, 2012, to endorse the open space action plan as proposed by the Agricultural Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Open Space Preservation Committee and the Parks Advisory Committee.

The Chairs of the Committees, Mr. Cyr, Mr. Kessel, and Mr. Morrow were available to answer any questions. Members discussed the merit and risk of including language recommending placing a protective easement, held by a second party, on Town parks and preserves.

The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Kochenburger who voted no.

9. Community Farms Preservation Program

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, to authorize the Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Chair of the Mansfield Agriculture Committee, to enter into a cooperative agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture for participation in the community farms preservation program.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Open Space (Conservation) Parcel for Storrs Center

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Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager, be, and hereby is authorized to sign the conservation agreement with the University of Connecticut entitled Reservation of Conservation Restriction, which agreement will allow the University of Connecticut to convey to the Town for conservation purposes a certain 24.3 acre parcel located along the easterly edge of the Storrs Center Development, and to accept on behalf of the Town the deed for said parcel.

Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren and Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien described the land under consideration and explained why the land is being transferred directly to the Town from the University. The legal description on page 67 of the packet will be the language used for Schedule A, referred to in the deed.

Council members discussed Section 2.4 Cost and while everyone was in agreement that the Town should not pay the court cost of other parties it was determined that in this particular unique case the risk is minimal and the cost of not approving the acquisition steep. Councilors agreed that in future contracts this language would reflect the principle that each party pays its own way, the American rule.
The motion to approve passed unanimously.

11. Compensation for Town Manager

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, to increase the Town Manager's annual salary by 1.5% retroactive to July 1, 2011 and by an additional 1.5% retroactive to January 1, 2012, for an annual salary of \$135,691.29 as of January 1, 2012.
Motion passed unanimously.

12. Historic Documents Preservation Program

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded the following resolution:
Resolved, that Matthew W. Hart, Mansfield Town Manager, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Motion passed unanimously

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the Director of Finance will be reviewing the fund balances of area towns to see how many meet the 10%-15% level recommended to the Town. Ms. Trahan will also begin to develop a policy for investing the Town's money in venues which might offer higher returns. Safety and liquidity are of the utmost importance.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATONS

13.V. Civie (3/26/12)

14.A. Hilding (3/5/12)

15.A. Hilding (3/8/12)

16.A. Hilding (3/26/12)

17.A. Smith (3/5/12)

18.Planning and Zoning Commission re: 2012-12 Capital Improvement Budget

19.Planning and Zoning Commission re: FY 2012-13 PZC/IWA Operating Budget

20.State of Connecticut Department of Public Health re: National Public Health Week

21.State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re: Local Capital Improvement Program

22.Congress of the United States re: Central Corridor Project

23.Citizen Budget Guide – 2012 Edition – This guide will not be mailed but is available electronically and as a hardcopy

24.Moving Forward in Mansfield

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XII. FUTURE AGENDA

No additional items suggested

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending claims or Litigation, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)9B). There will be two items under discussion the first will include Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien, Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Human Services Kevin Grunwald and Town Manager Matt Hart. The second item will include Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien, Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren and Town Manager Matt Hart

Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending claims or Litigation, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)9B)

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

Item 1

Also Present: Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien, Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Human Services Kevin Grunwald and Town Manager Matt Hart.

Item 2

Also Present: Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien, Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren and Town Manager Matt Hart

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened the meeting. Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Keane seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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9 April 2012

Happy Easter and Happy Passover to all.

As I look at the town manager's Proposed Budget, I see a good attempt at proposing a responsible budget. The movement towards a more fiscally prudent direction, by increasing the General Fund, is a good thing. Pay-as-you-go as opposed to bonding is an important step in insuring our childrens' future without imposing unwarranted debt on them. For this I say bravo.

But looking through the detail I see an increased spending plan, wrought with taxpayer increases, mainly in the form of "Storrs Center Angels".... Additional employees provided to take some of the workload imposed on current staff due to the project across the street. A project, as was said by our town manager, would not cost taxpayers a dime, but appears to be costing us a lot more.

So if additional people are absolutely necessary, we should find a way to pay for them that does not involve the taxpayers. The knowledge of future plans should guide you, the council, towards providing a budget that has no increases or perhaps providing a budget that actually gives us a break.

I know this is a daunting task so I would like to volunteer to provide specific cuts for the council to review, perhaps you might find something I suggest to save us some money.

I will reserve further comments on this budget until seeing the town manager's zero increase version.

Ric Hossack
Storrs

Mansfield, Connecticut Public Hearing April 9, 2012
Public comment by David Freudmann, 22 Eastwood Rd.,
Storrs, CT 06268, 860-429-0763, davidf235@yahoo.com
Topic: Budget for 2012/2013

I open by reiterating my support for Town Manager Matthew Hart and Finance Director Cheryl Trahan's promotion of an increase in the town's fund balance and for a proposed pay-as-you-go, not bonding, basis for the capital improvements program. Now for my criticisms, and they are for the Council, for it is you, not staff, that should be setting priorities and guiding policy.

Regional School District #19 (E.O. Smith High School) seeks to increase its gross expenditures budget by over 3%, from \$18.9 million to \$19.5 million. (Please focus only on that number, not the \$9.5 million proposed proportionate share to Mansfield, a decrease from the current year, as that decrease reflects the high school's revenues from other sources, such as additional students tuitioning in, and the temporary anomaly of lower census numbers from this town.) Last Thursday (4/5), Director Trahan explained that Region 19 asserts that a reduction from \$19.5 million would force a curtailment in programs. That to me is neither a threat nor a problem, but rather, a desirable prescription.

In my view, both Boards of Education budgets are bloated with fat. Mansfield ranks 29th out of Connecticut's 169 towns in expenditures per pupil per year. Andover (at 137th) and Hebron (163rd) spent \$3394 and \$4347, respectively, less than Mansfield, according to the most recently available data from the State Department of Education. (Please see Note 1.) And by the way, those towns do as well as Mansfield, actually slightly better, on state aptitude tests. (Both the CMT for K-8, and the CAPT for HS)

The Mansfield Board of Education is requesting a level funded budget of \$20.5 million, the same as this fiscal year. I urge the Council to pass a resolution stating that Region 19's referendum of May 8 earns the Council's endorsement only if it is based on a gross expenditures budget that is level funded, and not one dollar more.

Fiscal year 2013 is shaping up to be good year for creating jobs in Mansfield. From pages 65 through 167 of the Town Manager's Proposed Budget (TMPB), I totaled an additional 7.39 full-time-equivalent (FTE) employees. (Note 2) I would urge the Council to view this with a skeptical eye, and follow up with a firm 'no' to this surge. Does not Coventry (population appx. 12,000) get by with some 69 FTEs, compared to Mansfield's (population appx. 13,000 when not counting UConn students living on campus) 155 FTEs?

Time does not permit going through each questionable additional full or fractional FTE request, but I'll mention a few.

- (1) Regarding Police Services, the completion of Storrs Center Phase 1A, it is claimed, "will increase calls for service"

(TMPB, pg. 97) and is cited as the cause for needing an extra state police officer. Let's wait till the project opens and see how well existing police resources cope.

(2) How fortunate for so many other departments to have this Storrs Center project! Such a growth opportunity! We have the Fire Marshal (TMPB, pg. 105), Fire and Emergency Services (TMPB, pg. 111), Grounds Maintenance (pg. 129), Engineering (pg. 135) and a most adept empire builder - Building Inspection (pg. 161) (as distinct, you see, from Housing Inspection, a separate island of municipal growth), all asking for more personnel, based on the purported demands of Storrs Center. Is this what was meant by the promise of the downtown project creating jobs?

(3) The Youth Services program seeks a program assistant and a school readiness coordinator, (pg. 145), and notes that staff "serves as the social workers for the public schools." (pg. 143) Perhaps that program, like school nurses and school psychologists, should be based at the schools' facilities and paid for out of the Board of Education's formidable \$20.5 million budget.

(4) The Planning Administration program seeks a 0.43 FTE for a position described as a natural resources and sustainability coordinator (pg. 167). I do not need a sustainability coordinator. I need good roads, a responsive fire and police department, and want decent schools. Also, let's back off on those "green", feel-good environmental projects like solar panels. They create jobs for consultants, vendors and sustainability coordinators, but always leave taxpayers' wallets lighter.

Notes:

1. Financial & Budget Overview, 2/27/12, pg. 71. Data is for fiscal year 2010.
2. Town Managers Proposed Budget for 2012/2013, 3/26/12, (TMPB): page number/additional FTE: pg.65/0.09 FTE, 79/1.00, 99/1.00, 105/0.50, 110/0.45, 111/0.50, 129/1.00, 135/0.15, 135/0.50, 135/0.55, 145/0.43, 145/0.15, 153/0.14, 161/0.50, 167/0.43.
3. Abbreviations: CMT - Connecticut Mastery Tests, for kindergarten through 8th grade. CAPT - Connecticut Academic Performance Tests, for high schools.

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To: Members of The Mansfield Town Council
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, Connecticut, 06268

From: Richard A. Cheney
87 Highland Road
Mansfield Center, Connecticut, 06250

Subject: Town of Mansfield Hiring an Attorney

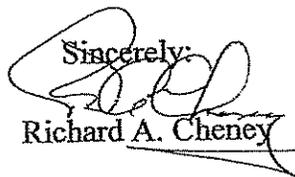
I am the owner of Highland Ridge Golf Range at 164 Stafford Road, Mansfield Center, Connecticut. We provide golf recreation to Mansfield and surrounding communities. We work with youth and adult groups, schools with golf teams such as Uconn and E. O. Smith, and Mansfield Parks and Recreation golf classes. The range provides my son David a job and also, from time to time, jobs for others.

My sons and I have met with the representatives of CL&P. (see enclosure). They indicated to us that to change anything now, such as moving poles or go underground is too costly. My sources have indicated to me that CL&P does not intend to change anything. We own the land under the power lines on our property, not CL&P. We should have some rights. We feel that if they went underground near businesses and residents close to the lines that it would be much safer for all concerned. If CL&P does not compromise and goes ahead with their current plan, we feel we will probably have to go out of business. The Council should also keep in mind that this new line does not benefit Mansfield, but other communities in the State that didn't want the line in their back yard.

Finally, We feel that Mansfield should hire an attorney to represent and protect the rights of our citizens who will be effected by this new power line to be constructed in Mansfield.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Cheney

enclosure

March 21, 2012

To: Linda Roberts, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, Connecticut, 06051
E-mail: siting.council@ct.gov

From: Richard A. Cheney
Highland Ridge Golf Range LLC
87 Highland Road
Mansfield Center, Connecticut, 06250
Tel: 1-860-423-4112
E-mail: hrgr@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Impact of Power Lines in Docket 424 on our Business

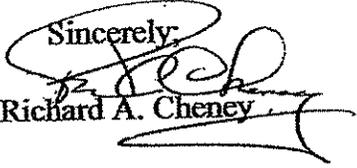
I am the owner of Highland Ridge Golf Range LLC in Mansfield Center, Connecticut that will be impacted by the new power lines going through our property. Up until now, we have been able to co-exist and run our business with the location of the existing power lines.

Recently, I met with Jeffrey Buckley and Lorraine Eckenroth of Burns and McDonnell and Mark Kimball of CL&P. As I am almost eighty years old and a disabled Veteran, I had my two sons walk the property with them. At the end we had a meeting and I was asked to write a letter to the Citing Council.

The two poles that will effect our business, are pole thirty-eight (S-38) and pole thirty-nine (S-39). We first suggested that they change the location of these two poles to the other side of the Range, where we could give additional land to the existing right of way. The CL&P representative did not think this was feasible due to costs. As we had no other alternative, we said, if these two poles were installed as close to the other lines as possible and are 110 feet high as the CL&P representative said they would be, that this might work. Remember that our underground utilities should be flagged before any construction begins.

Finally, we feel that we should be financially compensated anytime we have to shut the Range down due to construction, and after construction, if the range becomes unusable. We also feel we should be compensated for any loss in appraised value of the Range due to the installation of these poles in the proposed location.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Cheney

cc: Anthony Mele Project Manager

Mr. Greg Frantz, Chair
Mansfield Transportation Advisory Committee
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Frantz and Committee Members:

I am writing because a problem is brewing in my neighborhood as the Storrs Center project proceeds.

My family has lived on Willowbrook Rd. since 1995, making us one of the families with the longest neighborhood memory. We have had traffic issues in the past. There was once a sorority house at the Rte. 195 end of Willowbrook before the residents relocated to the "Greek Village" that was constructed across from Horsebarn Hill. Though the sorority women kept a low traffic profile since they parked on site, their incessant guests did not. Their guests were invariably young and in a hurry. It was unsafe for the neighborhood children to be near or on the street. When the neighborhood reached its saturation point, we contacted the Town, which began an informal traffic study. It was determined that the volume of traffic did not necessitate remediation. At the time, however, volume was only part of the problem. Speed and the nature of youthful drivers were the other relevant factors. I believe the Town sent some police now and then to ticket speeding offenders, but the safety issues never resolved until the sorority house was permanently vacated.

When my eldest daughter was in middle school nearing high school age, I became concerned about her safety while walking to and from EOSmith (we are happily within walking distance). At the time, our neighborhood students could either walk on Dog Lane, literally, or walk through the woods behind Bishop Center to get to EOS. I remember witnessing EOS students habitually tearing out of the Greek Center parking lot on Dog Lane after school while adjusting their radios, lighting up, cavorting with their passengers, and generally not paying attention to the road. It was extremely hazardous for anyone to be walking on the street. The obvious solution was to put in a sidewalk along Dog Lane. That was done. I am grateful to the Town of Mansfield, especially to Mr. Hultgren, for acknowledging the problem and fixing it. It took 2-3 years (I forget exactly) to get it done, though. Fortunately, we had started early to resolve the problem so that the sidewalk did turn out to be ready by my daughter's first day at EOSmith.

But youthful and impatient drivers are really hard to keep up with. Eventually it became necessary to install speed humps on Dog Lane. Now, in addition to fiddling with their music playlists, we see them texting.

With the new Dog Lane apartments and garage due to open in Sept., it is certain that Willowbrook Rd. can expect a significant increase in volume of youthful, impatient, and distracted drivers as they discover it is much quicker to use Willowbrook Rd. than the stretch of Rte. 195 between Dog Lane and Willowbrook. My neighbors and I are deeply concerned. We would very much appreciate your consideration of our neighborhood's past experience and hope that you will address our safety and quality of life issues preemptively and aggressively before driving patterns are established by new apartment residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Suzanne Singer Bansal
67 Willowbrook Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268
April 9, 2012

c: Mansfield Town Council

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 10, 2012

DRAFT

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Director of Finance Cherie Trahan and Town Manager Matt Hart presented an overview of the distributed handouts including an accounting of all proposed personnel changes which total 5.88 FTE using various funding sources and a list of ideas which might bring the budget to a zero mill increase. The latter is not being recommended by management.

III. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Trahan explained the proposed Capital Improvement Program is structured to allow those listed items to be purchased without issuing additional debt. A five year catch up period is factored into the plan.

FLAG – Add the school budget project to the list of Potential Future Initiatives within the Ten Year Capital Improvement Program

Fire Chief Dave Dagon, Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren, Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente, Director of Facilities William Hammon and Director of Information Technology Jaime Russell reviewed their capital improvement programs.

FLAG – Provide replacement cycle schedule for fleet inventory.

FLAG - Provide the most recent cost/benefit comparison for providing cars/mileage.

IV. CAPTIAL NONRECURRING FUND

Ms. Trahan identified the revenues and uses for this fund.

V. SOLID WASTE FUND AND TOWN AID ROAD FUND

Mr. Hultgren reported the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is currently reviewing the option of changing to an automated collection system.

FLAG – Provide information on the recycling levels of Mansfield compared to other towns.

FLAG – Change the heading from 'Equipment Rental' to 'Contracted Road Striping' (Pg. 209)

VI. SEWER FUND

Ms. Trahan explained how enterprise funds work and noted the Sewer Fund does include money for the sewer upgrade. A new budget for this fund was recently approved.

VII. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET/COUNCIL QUESTIONS

No questions were asked.

April 10, 2012

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
p.m.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

April 10, 2012

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 11, 2012

DRAFT

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education Members: April Holinko, Mark LaPlaca, Shamim Patwa, Jay Rueckl, Randall Walikonis and Superintendent of Schools Fred Baruzzi
Board of Education Chair Mark LaPlaca outlined the proposed budget describing the deferrals made, the zero increase for the bargaining units and the strategic use of the reserved funds. Superintendent Baruzzi stated the quality and breath of the programs has been retained and commented on the State's Minimum Budget Requirement

III. INTERNAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Director of Information Technology Jamie Russell presented an overview of the major initiatives proposed in this budget. Director of Finance Cherie Trahan highlighted the revenues and expenditures and explained how the Management Service Fund works.

IV. OTHER AGENCIES FUND

Ms. Trahan described the Town's relationship with the Day Care Fund and the Eastern Highland Health Fund.
FLAG – Describe what items are included in the Miscellaneous Fees line of the Day Care Fund. Pg. 218
Staff reviewed the expenses incurred by the Cemetery Committee.

V. TOWN-WIDE

Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola reviewed Employee Benefits and the Town's Liability Automobile and Property Insurance Funds. The Director of Finance explained the use of the Contingency Fund for unsettled contracts.

VI. BUDGET RECAP

The Town Manager reviewed the new budget pages showing the decrease in the budget of Region 19 and the effect that has on the proposed mill rate.
FLAG – Provide a list of tax rates from comparable sized towns.

VII. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET/COUNCIL QUESTIONS

Town Council members were asked to forward any questions to the Town Manager and Finance Director as soon as possible.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. p.m.

April 11, 2012

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

April 11, 2012

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PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF MANSFIELD
April 23, 2012
Sewer Benefit Assessment

The Mansfield Town Council, acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM at their regular meeting on April 23, 2012 to solicit comments regarding the benefit assessment for the extension of Town sewers to serve the College Mart Plaza.

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

Dated at Mansfield, Connecticut this 10th day of April 2012.

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works; Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance; Grant Meitzler, Assistant Town Engineer
Date: April 23, 2012
Re: WPCA – Benefit Assessment - Extension of Town Sewers to serve the College Mart Plaza

Subject Matter/Background

Recall that late in 2011 the Town gave permission for the College Mart Plaza to extend the Town sewer to serve their plaza at 82-86 Storrs Road. This work is complete and the pipe was extended at the owner's expense. The Town must now assess the benefits of their connection according to the Town's Benefit Assessment Ordinance (Section 159-14f of the Town Code).

Since the only non-operating costs the Town has/will incur as a result of this connection are the "downstream" or treatment plant costs, the form of the assessment takes on that of a connection charge. The computation for the connection charge (see attached) is based on the number of acres in the parcel served.

A public hearing has been scheduled for April 23, 2012, and a letter from the owner of the plaza has been received requesting the assessment be paid over a 10 year period. Council, acting as the Mansfield WPCA, may now levy the assessment in accordance with Section 159-15d of the Town Code.

Financial Impact

As noted previously, the assessment will help the Town pay its share of the Windham Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade. The property owner will pay \$9,125 made payable to the town in 10 annual, equal installments.

Legal Review

The Town Attorney has reviewed this matter.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council levy the sewer assessment on the College Mart Plaza (82-86 Storrs Road) and provide for its collection over 10 equal installments in accordance with Section 159-15d of the Town Code.

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

Whereas, the Town sewer line has been extended to serve numbers 82 to 86 Storrs Road (College Mart Plaza) in Mansfield, and

Whereas, a connection charge for this sewer has been established in accordance with Section 159-14f of the Town Code, and

Whereas, a public hearing, duly noticed, was conducted on this matter on April 23, 2012, and

Whereas, the owners of 82-86 Storrs Road have requested the assessment be paid over a 10 year period.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield, acting as the Mansfield Water Pollution Control Authority, on April 23, 2012 that:

- 1. A sewer assessment for the property at 82-86 Storrs Road be levied in the amount of \$9,125, the amount computed as the connection charge for this property in accordance with Section 159-14f of the Mansfield Town Code.*
- 2. Said assessment shall be due in 10 equal installments as provided for in Section 159-15d of the Mansfield Town Code.*
- 3. The Town Clerk is directed to record the assessment and the payments due for this property on the land records as provided for in Section 159-15d of the Town Code and Section 7-253 of the Connecticut General Statutes.*

Attachments

- 1) Letter to Town Manager Hart from David Mills dated April 16, 2012.
- 2) Assessment worksheet logging the \$9,125 calculation.

U.S. Properties, Inc.

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860-437-0101 Office 860-440-0721 Fax
www.uspropinc.com

April 16, 2012

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MHart@mansfieldct.org

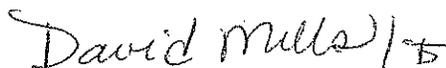
Matthew Hart
Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06268

RE: 82-86 Storrs Rd., Mansfield

Dear Mr. Hart:

April 23rd there is a hearing regarding the Sewer Assessment for 82-86 Storrs Road. Late last fall, a sanitary line was extended into the shopping center to serve two tenants, Petco and soon-to-be open Farmer's Cow Ice Cream. At some time in the future it is anticipated that the shopping center will be expanded at which time the remaining two tenants, Staples and The Hoot, would be connected to the sanitary line. At this time it is requested that the sanitary sewer assessment for Petco and Farmer's Cow be paid over a ten year term. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



David Mills
General Manager

DM:ts

Cc: Lon Hultgren
Bill Kuth

PROJECT
PROJECT NO.

U.S. Properties, Inc. Connector

NAME OF OWNER AS OF

10.26.2011

U.S. Properties, Inc.

ADDRESS

82-86 Storrs Rd

Mansfield, Conn

ASSESSORS MAP

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LOT

109

ASSESSMENT MAP PARCEL NO.

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LAND RECORDS VOLUME

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PROPERTY HOUSE NO.

82-86 Storrs Rd

ASSESSMENT

ADJUSTED FRONTAGE CHARGE

FEET X

0.00

=

\$ 0.00

UNIT CHARGE

UNITS X

0.00

=

\$ 0.00

OUTLET CHARGE

NO

UNIT BASIS

OR

6.578 AC

\$1400./acre

ACREAGE BASIS =

\$ 9,125.00

TOTAL ASSESSMENT

\$ 9,125.00



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development; Jennifer Kaufman, Parks Coordinator
Date: April 23, 2012
Re: Venter Property, 76 Fern Road

Subject Matter/Background

Raymond Venter is the owner of property at 76 Fern Road, which is the site of the former bus garage. As the Council is aware, neighbors in the area have been concerned with the condition of the property for some time. In the fall of 2011, Building Inspection boarded the remaining bus garage building two times to prevent unauthorized access. Over the last several months, staff has been investigating various options to address neighborhood concerns as well as protect the town from incurring any liability related to potential environmental contamination of the property.

Options 1 and 2 would result in the acquisition of the property by a private individual for potential redevelopment. At 5.6 acres in size, the subject property is large enough to accommodate two single-family house lots. Based on the property history, this split could be done administratively and would not be subject to regulations for resubdivision. Option 3 would generate a better understanding of the extent of environmental contamination of the property and the costs to remediate, thereby retaining options for public or private redevelopment of the property in the future. A more detailed description of each option follows, including information on the relative advantages/disadvantages of each alternative.

Option 1: Tax Sale

Placing the property up for tax sale auctions the property itself. The highest bidder receives a deed that extinguishes all other monetary liens, which in this case would include both back taxes (\$24,944.86) as well as boarding expenses incurred by Building Inspection in 2011 (\$900). This approach has several advantages:

- The process itself is quick, inexpensive and puts the property directly in the hands of someone who can hopefully redevelop it.
- There is a well-developed statutory framework to explain the process; this framework also encourages the owner and encumbrancers to pay in full

before the auction to prevent it from happening. Given past conversations with Mr. Venter, it is not expected that he would contest a tax sale.

- The process allows for non-real estate taxes owed by the owner to be collected at the same time, such as the boarding liens on this property.
- Attorney's fees and costs related to the collection are also covered through this process.
- If nobody bids at auction, the town is not obligated to take title to the property.

The primary disadvantage is the loss of town staff time and money if nobody bids on the property at auction.

Option 2: Assignment of Tax Liens

In lieu of putting the property itself up for tax sale, the Town could pursue assignment of tax liens. In this case, the purchaser of the tax liens has the right to foreclose on the property in court for the amount of the tax lien; they do not obtain the property outright as in a tax sale. The main advantage of this approach is that the Town may select the purchaser, as opposed to simply selecting the highest bidder as with a tax sale. It can be a fairly quick process other than negotiation of price and contract terms.

Disadvantages include the following:

- The statutes governing tax lien assignments are relatively new and vague, which provides flexibility but also leaves certain questions unanswered, such as what happens in subsequent tax years or if the purchaser of the tax lien goes bankrupt or disappears.
- Only real estate and sewer liens can be assigned, so motor vehicles and other taxes owed by the owner remain uncollected. In this particular case, the Town would not be able to collect the \$900 in boarding expenses incurred in 2011.
- The Town would not be able to recoup legal fees or other costs related to the transaction.

Option 3: Conduct Environmental Assessment

Under this option, the Town would conduct a Phase II environmental assessment of the property to fully determine the extent of contamination and estimate clean-up costs. Pursuant to Section 22a-133dd of Connecticut General Statutes, we do have the ability to access the property for site investigation and testing purposes due to the existing tax lien. The work would be performed by Charter Oak Environmental, who is familiar with the property due to past work for the Town on this issue. Charter Oak's most recent cost estimate for this work is \$20,810. If this option is selected, the maximum amount should include approximately \$3,000 to address any contingencies. Currently, there is no money budgeted for this project. While staff has researched brownfield assessment grant opportunities, this property is not a strong candidate as brownfield assessment grants are heavily weighted toward distressed areas and properties that would

promote economic development and job growth if redeveloped. Another potential funding source is the Town's Open Space Fund; however, use of this fund would be inappropriate unless the Town planned to acquire the property for open space.

The primary advantage of this alternative is that the Town would gain current data to understand the nature and scope of contamination on-site, as well as be in a better position to evaluate potential remediation costs. This information could influence a decision as to whether to foreclose on the tax liens and remediate the property for public use, or to pursue tax sale or assignment of tax liens. The disadvantages to this option include:

- direct cost to the Town for the Phase II assessment and lack of an identified funding source;
- potential liability for exacerbation of any contamination as part of the site investigation; and
- the potential that the results of the Phase II environmental assessment may be a deterrent in future tax sale/tax lien assignment attempts if the contamination is significant.

Financial Impact

Financial impacts will vary depending on the option selected. While Options 1 and 2 present potential for recouping delinquent taxes (\$24,944.86), it may be necessary to drastically reduce or waive past due taxes as an incentive for someone to take the property without knowing the full extent of environmental contamination. Option 3 includes a direct cost to the Town for the environmental assessment.

Legal Review

Due to the complex legal issues involved with this property, staff has worked with three attorneys to identify and assess this suite of alternatives: Dennis O'Brien, Town Attorney; Adam Cohen, who handles tax sales for the Town; and Cindy Karlson, who provided guidance on the potential environmental liability issues associated with each alternative. Based on their guidance, Options 1 and 2 leave the Town out of the chain of title and therefore protect the Town from any liability associated with the environmental contamination. With regard to Option 3, the Town is protected from liability due to previous contamination, but could be liable if the conditions are 'negligently or recklessly exacerbated' during our assessment of the property, in which case the Town would only be responsible for contamination exacerbated by our investigation. The Town would also be responsible for reporting any 'significant environmental hazards' found during our investigation.

Recommendation

After reviewing the three alternatives described above, staff believes that the best option at this time is to include the property in the next tax sale. This recommendation is based upon the following:

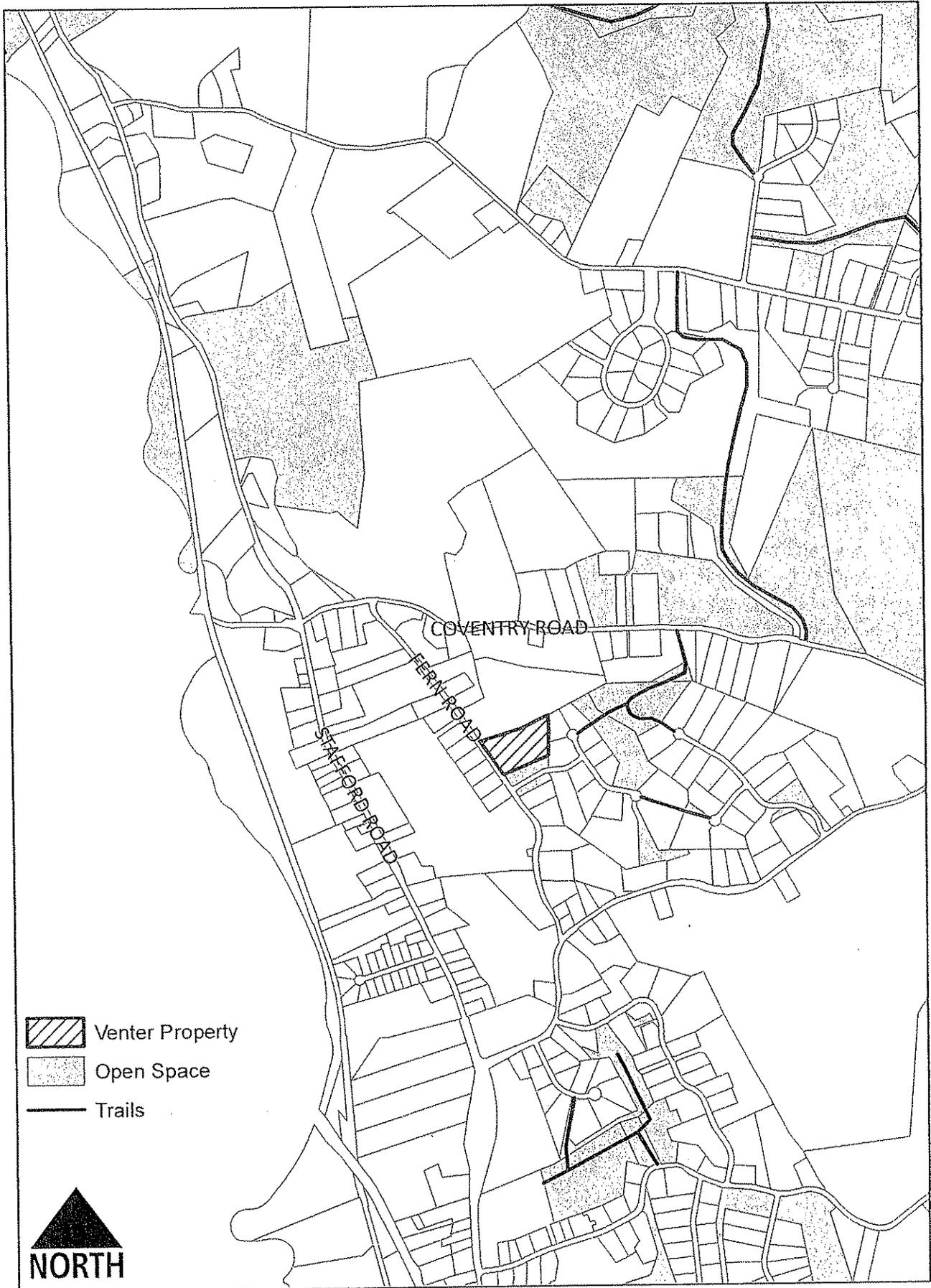
- Conducting an Environmental Assessment involves a significant direct cost to the Town that is not budgeted. Use of the Open Space fund to fund the assessment is not appropriate unless the Town plans on acquiring the property, a decision which would be premature given the unknown extent of contamination and potential liability issues associated with acquisition.
- Including the property in a tax sale could result in residential redevelopment of the property, which would be a benefit to the neighborhood and the Town. While assignment of tax liens could have the same long-term result, the tax sale process is more established and would result in the actual transfer of the property, eliminating the need for the purchaser to go through a foreclosure process in court.

Based on the above analysis, staff recommends that the Council authorize the Town Manager to include the subject property in the next tax sale. If the Town Council supports this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective April 23, 2012, to authorize the Town Manager to include the property located at 76 Fern Road and owned by Raymond Venter in the next tax sale.

Attachments

- 1) Location Map
- 2) Charter Oak Environmental Proposal for Environmental Investigation & Remediation Cost Estimate, dated October 21, 2012
- 3) Section 22a-133dd, Connecticut General Statutes





October 21, 2011

Ms. Linda Painter
Town Planner
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Re: Environmental Investigation &
Remediation Cost Estimate
76 Fern Road, Mansfield, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Painter:

At your request, Charter Oak Environmental Services, Inc. (Charter Oak) has prepared this scope of work and budget to investigate the above referenced Site and to redevelop a remedial cost estimate. Specifically, Charter Oak will estimate the cost to remediate the soil and ground water at the Site to conformance with the Connecticut Remediation Standard Regulations (RSRs).

In 2001, the Town of Mansfield retained Charter Oak to review its file for 76 Fern Road and prepare an investigation and remediation cost estimate. In a letter dated September 7, 2001 (Attachment A), Charter Oak presented its remedial cost estimate based on the Town's file information. This project will fill data gaps in the previous investigations and provide up-to-date information on ground water quality and current pricing for remedial actions.

BACKGROUND

A Mr. Negro developed the site as a school bus depot in approximately 1963. The northern garage was built in 1963 and the southern garage in 1970. Mr. Negro's operation provided bussing services for the Town of Mansfield until 1979. No further information was available in the provided documents concerning site operations either during the period when Mr. Negro provided bussing services to the Town or afterwards. According to the provided documents, DEP enforcement actions against Mr. Negro began in September 1989 with the issuance of a notice of violation for failure to register the two USTs. In the 1990s, the Department Environmental Protection (DEP) removed a gasoline underground storage tank (UST) and polluted soil and an environmental engineering firm supervised removal of a heating oil UST. It is unknown whether activities that could cause pollution have occurred on the site since the 1990s-era investigations. Currently, the northern garage is removed down to grade, while the

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southern garage is still standing. The Town has considered foreclosing on the property to recover back taxes but has refrained from doing so because of uncertainty regarding the cost of the outstanding environmental remediation work.

SCOPE OF WORK

This scope of work consists of five tasks:

1. Background Investigation
2. Soil Investigation in Southern Garage
3. Soil Investigation in Other Areas of Concern
4. Installation and Sampling of Monitoring Well Network
5. Remedial Cost Estimating and Reporting

The following subsections describe the scope and rationale for each activity.

Background Investigation

Only limited information is available concerning past operations on the site, as described in Charter Oak's previous report (Attachment A). Vehicle maintenance activities and waste handling practices can leave a legacy of soil or ground water contamination on a site such as 76 Fern Road. Charter Oak will seek to enhance its knowledge of past practices on the site by means of the following tasks:

1. Review of Historical Aerial Photographs (1965, 1970, 1975, 1980): These photographs may show outdoor storage of drums or soil staining.
2. Interviews of persons with knowledge of the site: Bussing operations ceased in 1979. Charter Oak will attempt to locate persons with historical knowledge of operations on the site, such as Mr. Negro, or a former employee. Charter Oak will seek to locate a long-term neighbor of the site.

Based on the information obtained, Charter Oak may modify the soil or ground water investigations to target newly-identified area of potential environmental concern (AOCs).

Soil Investigation in Southern Garage

The southern garage is a steel-frame structure with an approximate 5,700 square footprint. The floor is earthen except for two areas with concrete pads. The soil appears to be stained with petroleum. Based on records available to Charter Oak, the soil floor in the southern garage has not been sampled for petroleum. However, in the 1990s, DEP collected one composite soil sample and one deeper grab sample inside the southern garage for aromatic volatile organic compounds (gasoline constituents). The DEP samples showed low levels of methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE), a gasoline constituent, at concentrations below RSR criteria.

The cost of remediation will largely be driven by the volume of polluted soil that is removed from the site. Less information is available concerning the southern garage than the northern, but based on the previous sampling for the northern garage, it is possible that shallow soil in the southern garage exceeds the RSR criteria for petroleum. Therefore, Charter Oak will sample the soil within the southern garage at eight locations on a grid pattern and at two depths. The sampling program is as follows:

Depth Horizon	Analysis	Other
Shallow Soil (0.5 feet deep)	Extractable Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (ETPH)	Composite sample – asbestos in soil
Deep Soil (1.5 feet deep)	ETPH, aromatic volatile organic compounds (AVOCs)	

Petroleum (ETPH) and gasoline constituents (AVOCs) are the primary constituents of concern. Chlorinated VOCs, which are used for degreasing parts, are not known to have been used on the site and have not been detected in soil or ground water at the site. Therefore, Charter Oak has not included such compounds in its analysis. The deeper rather than the shallow soil will be tested for AVOCs because shallow soil tends to lose VOCs to the air, while such losses would be less in deeper soil. Up to four samples from the southern garage will be tested for AVOCs. Charter Oak will screen shallow and deep samples with a field organic vapor meter. The samples showing the highest field vapor readings will be submitted for AVOC analysis.

If brakes were serviced in the garage, asbestos may be present in the shallow soil. Charter Oak will create a composite sample from the shallow soil collected at the eight locations and have it tested for asbestos. The RSRs do not have a criterion for asbestos in soil, but the presence of asbestos in soil excavated for other contaminants may affect the disposal price.

Soil Investigation in Other Areas

Charter Oak has identified the following areas of environmental concern in soil outside of the southern garage:

- Footprint of northern garage;
- Above ground waste oil tank reported to be outside the southern wall of the northern garage;
- Anecdotal information that wastes may have been buried north of the northern garage;
- Stained soil outside of the northwestern corner of the southern garage;
- Dumping around the southwestern corner of the southern garage.

Charter Oak does not propose to investigate soil at the former gasoline and heating oil USTs that were removed in the 1990s. The documentation in the Town files for these

UST removals appears to indicate that soil remaining in these locations is compliant with the RSRs. However post-remediation ground water monitoring for these areas is required under the RSRs (the cost for such post-remediation monitoring will be included in the total remediation cost estimate for the site).

Charter Oak's drilling subcontractor will operate a small excavator to excavate test pits at the AOCs. Within the footprint of the former northern garage, the excavations will extend to at least two feet below grade. A previous investigator sampled shallow soil (0.5 feet) in four zones in the northern garage and found all four samples exceed RSR criteria. Charter Oak's samples will be deeper in order to delineate the depth of soil requiring remediation. Using odor and staining as a guide, Charter Oak will sample soil from 1.5 feet depth or greater for ETPH. Two samples will also be selected for AVOCs, based on field organic vapor readings. As in the southern garage, Charter Oak will create a composite sample of shallow soil and have it tested for the presence of asbestos.

The Mansfield Fire Marshal reported to Charter Oak in 2001 that some neighbors believed that the former site operator buried vehicle parts in an area north of the northern garage. Charter Oak's subcontractor will excavate two test pits to at least four feet in this area. Charter Oak will collect samples for ETPH and AVOCs from these test pits and document any waste materials encountered.

Charter Oak has observed stained soil outside the man-door on the northern side of the southern garage. Based on experience at other sites, soil immediately outside of a door at maintenance buildings is a likely place for improper disposal of waste oil or other liquids. Two test pits are planned for this area. Likewise, Charter Oak observed debris dumped in the general vicinity of the southwestern corner of the southern garage. A concrete pad just inside the garage at this corner may have been a locus for maintenance activities. Therefore, Charter Oak's subcontractor will excavate a shallow test pit in this area and Charter Oak will collect a soil sample.

Charter Oak will collect a soil sample near the reported former waste oil tank. The location of this tank may be visible in historical aerial photographs.

The outdoor soil samples will be tested for ETPH and AVOCs. The selection of samples will be based on field organic vapor readings, odors, and staining. Sampling inside the footprint of the northern garage is designed to delineate the depth of soil previously identified in shallow samples as requiring remediation. The other outdoor samples are Phase-II-type samples that are designed simply to identify a pollution release. If a pollution release is identified among these latter samples, it may be necessary to conduct limited additional sampling to delineate the volume of impacted soil. The cost for such additional sampling, if required, has not been included in this project budget. Prior to preparing its report, Charter Oak will contact you and discuss the merits of collecting additional soil samples, if any.

Monitoring Well Installation and Ground Water Sampling

The only 1990s-era monitoring well that still exists is GP-1C on the Carrow property (75 Fern Road). Therefore, Charter Oak and its drilling contractor will install up to six monitoring wells on the property. Based on the 1990s-era water table map, ground water follows slightly south of due west. Therefore, Charter Oak will install its monitoring wells just west of the site's areas of concern. The following table describes the rationale for each monitoring well:

ID	Location/Rationale
MW-1, MW-3, MW-4	Arrayed from south to north outside the western side of the southern garage. Designed to screen for contaminants released inside the southern garage
MW-2	Installed at the western boundary of the property, southwest of the former gasoline UST. Designed to replace 1990s-era monitoring well GP-2 that had the highest AVOC concentrations on the site.
MW-5	Installed at the northwestern corner of the north garage. Designed to replace 1990s-era monitoring well GP-5 that had detectable AVOC concentrations in ground water flowing from the alleged vehicle parts burial area.
MW-6	Installed along the southern wall of the northern garage, near the southwestern corner. Designed to screen ground water flowing from the vicinity of the former heating oil UST, parts of the northern garage, and the former waste oil above ground tank.

The wells will be two-inch diameter PVC installed in permanent road boxes. The wells will have 10 feet of screen installed from two feet above the water table and eight feet below the water table. These wells are permanent installations designed to last throughout the post remediation monitoring period. As an alternative cost-saving measure, Charter Oak's subcontractor could install temporary wells sufficient for one round of investigatory sampling. However, if the town purchased the site, permanent wells would be required, at additional cost. The project budget is based on permanent wells; however, the cost savings for temporary wells is identified below.

Charter Oak will survey the well head elevations and use the depth to water to map the shape of the water table and the direction of ground water flow. Using low-flow sampling techniques, Charter Oak will sample the wells for ETPH and AVOC. Monitoring well MW-2 will be tested for total lead as well because of the possible release of leaded gasoline.

Remedial Cost Estimating and Reporting

Charter Oak will calculate the current cost to excavate polluted soil from the Site and dispose of it at a permitted facility. Currently it is known that shallow soil within the entire footprint of the former northern garage exceeds the RSR petroleum criteria.

Charter Oak's investigation is designed to delineate the depth of soil requiring excavation at both the southern and northern garages. Some of the other test pits may identify other soil requiring remediation. Charter Oak's cost estimate will include the cost of post-remediation ground water monitoring. It will include costs associated with putting the site through the Connecticut voluntary remediation program. At the end of the voluntary program the site will be officially verified to be compliant with Connecticut's Remediation Standards (RSRs). Charter Oak will also describe the time frames for achieving Site compliance.

The cost of building demolition is not included. Charter Oak can add this type of estimating as well as testing of building materials for asbestos, if requested, for an additional budget.

Charter Oak's report will summarize and compare laboratory results to RSR criteria. It will contain maps showing areas requiring remediation and will contain a water table map indicating the direction of ground water flow.

BUDGET

Charter Oak will perform the work described herein on a time and materials basis for an estimated budget of \$20,810. Budget details are as follows:

Background Investigation	\$ 1,200
South Garage Soil Investigation	\$ 2,810
North Garage and Other Soil Investigation	\$ 4,090
Monitoring Well Installation Ground Water Sampling	\$ 9,060
Remediation Cost Estimating and Reporting	\$ 3,650
TOTAL	\$ 20,810

If temporary wells are installed in the place of permanent wells, the budget would be \$17,600. However, if the Town acquired the site and proceeded with remediation, permanent wells would be required at additional cost. The budget assumes that the Town of Mansfield will be the client and therefore no sales tax is included. The Town is responsible for providing Charter Oak legal access to work on the property.

ACCEPTANCE

The following terms and conditions shall also apply upon acceptance of this proposal and shall be considered incorporated in any subsequent contract, agreement, or purchase order:

1. Charter Oak Environmental Services, Inc. will provide the services described in this proposal on a time and materials basis at our current billing rates.

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- 2. Our attached Schedule of Rates and Standard Contractual Terms and Conditions shall apply to the services described in this scope of work and all subsequent scopes of work.
- 3. Subcontractor and other expenses such as blueprinting, reproductions, etc. are billed at cost plus ten percent and are included in our project budget estimate.

If this proposal is acceptable, please sign and return a copy for our records. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any portion of this proposal.

Sincerely,

CHARTER OAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

Carl J. Mohrbacher
Senior Project Hydrogeologist

Attachment

Required Signatures:

Accepted for Charter Oak Environmental Services, Inc.:

Mark A. Franson, President

10/21/2011
Date

Accepted for Town of Mansfield:

Name,	Title	Date
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ATTACHMENT A

**Charter Oak's September 7, 2001
Remediation Cost Estimate**



September 7, 2001

Mr. John Jackman
Fire Marshall
Town of Mansfield
A.P. Beck Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Re: Remediation Cost Estimate
George Negro Property
76 Fern Road
Mansfield, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Charter Oak Environmental Services, Inc. (Charter Oak) is pleased to present this report to the Town of Mansfield (the "Town") regarding the former school bus depot at 76 Fern Road, Mansfield Connecticut (the "Site"). Mr. George Negro currently owns the Site. The Town is considering whether to foreclose on the Site for delinquent taxes.

The objective for this scope of work was to develop, on the basis of information contained in the Town's file, an estimate of the cost to remediate the soil and ground water at the Site to conformance with the Connecticut Remediation Standard Regulations (RSRs).

INFORMATION SOURCES

The file that you provided to Charter Oak contained the following information sources that were used to develop the remediation cost estimates:

1. Between February and December 1994, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) conducted Geoprobe investigations of ground water quality on the site and on the downgradient property. Table 1 presents a summary of the ground water sample results. Figure 1, taken from a DEP report, shows the location of the micro-wells.
2. On April 27, 1994, DEP collected water samples from four downgradient residential production wells. Sample results are presented in Table 1.
3. In December 1994, the DEP conducted Geoprobe investigations of subsurface soil in the southern garage. Table 2 presents a summary of that soil data, as well as results for soil samples collected by DEP following removal of the gasoline UST

and contaminated soil in May 1999. Figure 2, adapted from a DEP report, shows the location of the soil samples.

4. On April 27, 1995, Marin Environmental removed the heating oil UST and contaminated soil. Table 3 presents the post-excavation soil sample results. Marin also investigated the condition of soil inside the two garages, which are largely unpaved. Sample results are presented in Table 3.
5. Ground water was sampled after the removal of the heating oil UST and the gasoline UST. Table 4 presents the results of a water sample collected by Marin Environmental from the water in the heating oil UST excavation. Table 4 also presents the results of a water sample collected by DEP from the Carrow residential well (75 Fern Road) and from a micro-well (GP-1C) downgradient from the gasoline UST.

The file provided to Charter Oak by the Mansfield Fire Marshal also contained correspondence from the Town and DEP. This correspondence provided the background information summarized below. Charter Oak also obtained information from the DEP UST Section files on the May 1999 closure of the gasoline UST by DEP and a draft version of the DEP request to the Bankruptcy Court of Rhode Island for recovery of the cost to the Connecticut Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund for those activities.

On August 28, 2001, Charter Oak visited the site to observe site conditions. Charter Oak did not have access to the buildings but was able to make limited observations of the garage interiors by looking in through windows or existing small holes in the walls.

Charter Oak also reviewed the 7½-minute quadrangle topographic map covering the site (United States Geological Survey, 1983) and the Surficial Materials Map of Connecticut (United States Geological Survey, 1992).

BACKGROUND

According to the provided documents, Mr. Negro developed the site as a school bus depot in approximately 1963. The northern garage was built in 1963 and the southern garage in 1970. Mr. Negro's operation provided bussing services for the Town of Mansfield until 1979. No further information was available in the provided documents concerning site operations either during the period when Mr. Negro provided bussing services to the Town or afterwards. According to the provided documents, DEP enforcement actions against Mr. Negro began in September 1989 with the issuance of a notice of violation for failure to register the two USTs. Reportedly, Mr. Negro has taken no steps to remove the USTs or remediate the soil and ground water pollution on his property and he is currently in bankruptcy court. The Town has considered foreclosing on the property to recover back taxes but has refrained from doing so because of uncertainty regarding the cost of the outstanding environmental remediation work.

FINDINGS

The site is toward the western side of an upland area. The site and properties on both sides of Fern Road are on a gently undulating plateau. However, approximately 50 yards west of Fern Road the land begins to slope steeply down to the Willimantic River to the west. The topography of the land suggests that ground water flows to the west or southwest. DEP micro-wells confirmed that shallow ground water flows due west from the northern garage and slightly south of west from the southern garage (Figure 1). The surficial geology is mapped as till that is several tens of feet thick. DEP observations at the gasoline UST excavation indicate that the till is sandy. The well log for the residential well across the street from the site to the west indicates that the depth to bedrock is 30 feet.

Three pollution releases have been identified on the site:

1. Leaking heating oil UST
2. Leaking gasoline UST
3. Petroleum spills on the unpaved floors of the garages

In February 1994, the DEP UST Section installed and sampled four micro-wells around the gasoline UST (Figure 1) and found aromatic volatile organic compounds (Aromatic-VOCs) exceeding the ground water protection criteria (GWPC) in two wells and the residential volatilization criteria (R GWVC) in one well (Table 1).

In April 1994, DEP installed additional micro-wells downgradient of the garages (Figure 1) and sampled them (Table 1). At the same time, DEP sampled tap water for VOCs at four downgradient residences, each served by a private well. No VOCs were detected in the private wells. However the presence of VOCs in micro-wells GP-5 and GP-7 indicated that gasoline constituents had been released in or near each of the garages. The VOC concentrations detected in these two micro-wells did not exceed ground water criteria established in the RSRs.

In December 1994, DEP installed and sampled four micro-wells on the Carrow property (75 Fern Road), the western abutting neighbor (Figure 1). The analytical results indicated that several gasoline constituents were present in micro-well GP-1C, the closest well to the gasoline UST, at concentrations below the RSR ground water criteria. The other three wells did not contain detectable levels of VOCs, except for the micro-well closest to the Carrow residential well (GP-5C). This well contained 1.7 ug/l MTBE, a gasoline additive that is typically more persistent and mobile in ground water than the other gasoline constituents. The ground water protection criterion for MTBE is 100 ug/l. The lack of MTBE or other gasoline constituents in this residential well may be due to the fact that, according to the driller's well log, the well is cased and grouted down 10 feet into bedrock.

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In December 1994, the Shire Corporation, working for the Town of Mansfield, pumped out the heating oil UST, recovering 400 gallons of oil. In January 1995, Shire pumped out the gasoline UST, recovering 25 gallons of a "gasoline mixture".

In April 1995, Marin Environmental was retained by the Town of Mansfield to remove the heating oil UST that was located outside the east side of the northern garage. During removal, Marin observed that some heating oil had been released to the subsurface soils. These soils were reportedly excavated and post-excavation soil samples were collected from each sidewall and the excavation base. The soil samples were analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and Aromatic VOCs. A water sample was collected from the base of the excavation at 7.5 feet below grade. No Aromatic-VOCs were detected in soil or ground water and the TPH concentrations in the soil samples were approximately an order of magnitude below the soil criteria established in the RSRs.

Concurrent with the removal of the heating oil UST, Marin excavated and sampled test pits in the two garages. The northern garage was divided into four zones and a test pit was excavated in each zone. One test pit was also excavated in the larger southern garage. Stained soil was observed in each test pit. The stained soil was typically limited to the upper six inches of soil. Samples of stained soil were collected from each test pit and analyzed for TPH, PCBs, VOCs, and the eight RCRA metals. Only TPH exceeded RSR soil criteria. Marin recommended that the TPH-impacted soils be excavated and removed to an appropriate waste management facility.

In May 1999, the DEP UST Section supervised the removal of the gasoline UST, dispenser, and piping. Charter Oak has reviewed DEP's written report and interviewed Mr. Frank Bartolomeo, the DEP staff person present during that operation. A release of gasoline from the UST was indicated by odors and staining in the lower portion of the excavation. The stained soil extended toward the west and therefore DEP directed the excavation contractor to extend the excavation in that direction. The excavation extended to within a few feet of Fern Road to the point where further excavation threatened to undermine the road. DEP collected soil samples from each of the sidewalls and from the east and west end of the excavation base. The samples were analyzed in a mobile laboratory operated by DEP. All samples were analyzed for TPH (EPA Method 418.1) and the results were an order of magnitude below the RSR soil criteria. Only the western sidewall sample was analyzed for Aromatic-VOCs. This analysis was performed in the mobile laboratory according to an adaptation of wastewater analysis EPA Method 624. Mr. Bartolomeo stated that the stained soil was removed from the excavation base and sidewalls, except on the western sidewall where further excavation was constrained by the presence of the road. The VOC sample was collected from the remaining stained soil. The VOC results were below RSR soil criteria.

Concurrent with closure of the gasoline UST, DEP collected a ground water sample from micro-well GP-1C across the road at 75 Fern Road. In December 1994, this micro-well contained the highest concentration of constituents of those wells installed on the 75 Fern

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Road (Carrow) property (Table 1). However, in May 1999, no VOCs were detected. DEP also collected an Aromatic-VOC sample from the Carrow residential well. No VOCs were detected in the residential well sample.

Other findings based on site observations and discussions with you and Frank Bartolomeo are as follows:

1. A waste oil tank (above ground) was present outside at the middle of the southern wall of the northern garage. The tank is no longer present, based on Charter Oak's observations. No further information is available regarding the removal of this above-ground tank.
2. No bathrooms are present in the buildings based on Charter Oak's observations and your observations. According to your recollection, an outhouse was present in the area east of the northern garage. Based on Charter Oak's observations, the outhouse is now removed. The Mansfield Health Department file for 76 Fern Road does not contain information concerning an on-site septic system. There is no visual indication of the presence of an on-site septic system.
3. A water well is present near the northern garage, based on Charter Oak's observation of a pressure tank and centrifugal-type pump connected to piping near the southern bay of the northern garage.
4. The floor of the northern garage is unpaved. The floor of the southern garage appears to be unpaved except for a 15 ft by 45 ft concrete slab at the northern bay. Mr. Bartolomeo stated that the entire southern garage had concrete beneath a few inches of dirt. However, you contradicted this statement. It would be unusual to place soil over concrete, and therefore, Charter Oak has assumed that the southern garage, like the northern, is largely unpaved. This issue could be resolved if access to the interior of the buildings was available. The soil in both garages appears to be stained with oil.
5. Charter Oak observed that both garages had vehicles parked in them. A school bus and a large trailer were parked on the south side of the southern building.
6. Charter Oak observed an approximately 10-square-foot area stained with oil outside the northern bay of the southern garage. Fresh vehicle tracks were observed in the dirt in front of this bay door, suggesting that the building is at least occasionally used.
7. Mr. Bartolomeo stated that some of the neighbors "insist" that Mr. Negro buried vehicle parts on the north side of the northern garage. You made the qualifying statement that none of the neighbors making those statements claimed to actually have witnessed such a burial.

REMEDIATION PROGRAM

The remediation program proposed herein is intended to bring the site into compliance with the RSRs. If the Town acquires the site, the Town should implement the following actions in the approximate order listed:

1. Perform a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA): Although the Town and the DEP UST Section have collected environmental samples and conducted limited file searches, a more complete and systematic assessment is required. The Phase I ESA would provide information that would be the basis for determining whether the site is an establishment under the Property Transfer Act (generated more than 100 kilograms of hazardous waste in one month or conducted auto-body repairs). The spill files should be reviewed back to the earliest records (1970) for the site and abutting neighbors. There is no indication that the DEP UST Section reviewed spill files or Water Bureau files.
2. On the basis of the Phase I ESA, the Town will either file under the Property Transfer Act (site is an establishment) or notify the Director of the Permitting, Enforcement and Remediation Division of the DEP Bureau of Water Management of its intention to remediate the site under the Voluntary Remediation Program established by Section 22-133x of the Connecticut General Statutes. Under either process the Town will file an Environmental Conditions Assessment Form (ECAAF) that summarizes the known environmental conditions and a schedule of investigation and remediation.
3. Remediate TPH-impacted soil in the garages: Charter Oak has assumed that 100% of the floor area in both garages (3500 and 7200 square feet) will require excavation to 12 inches. Given that soil staining was reportedly observed to be only 6-inches deep at the test pits, this is a conservative assumption, based on the information provided, that will compensate for deeper contamination in some areas. The volume of contaminated soil removed according to this plan will be approximately 400 cubic yards (600 tons). The soil will be transported to a permitted waste management facility. The cost estimate assumes that the soil will be non-hazardous, as was the case when Marin sampled it. Post excavation soil sampling will include TPH and Aromatic-VOCs. Aromatic-VOCs are included in the analytical list because DEP detected low levels in the garage soil and in the ground water flowing from beneath the garages.
4. Concurrent with excavation of the garage floors, the excavator will be used to excavate four-foot deep test pits in suspect areas outside of the garages. This would include the following:
 - a. Stained area observed outside the northern-most bay door of the southern garage;
 - b. Area north of the southern garage and east of the northern garage where the outhouse stood and liquids from vehicle maintenance might have been released; and,
 - c. Area north of the northern garage wherein vehicle parts were allegedly disposed.

The cost of the test pit program will include the excavator and the sample laboratory analyses. Based on the low concentrations of VOCs detected in micro-wells GP-5 through GP-7, and the lack of surface staining observed by Charter Oak, no additional soil disposal is assumed in the cost estimate. Small releases, such as that observed outside the garage bay may be covered by the contingency costs assumed for the garage floor excavation.

5. Install a ground water monitoring network and prepare annual reports for submittal to DEP: In GA-class ground water areas, the RSRs require monitoring of ground water for a minimum of four years after remediation of soil or ground water. The frequency of sample collection during the first year should be quarterly but subsequent years may be a lower frequency. The RSRs require that monitoring wells be located so that the samples are representative of the remediated areas. The following wells would provide representative coverage of the site ground water:

Release Area	Number of Wells
Background Area	1
Former Heating Oil UST	1
Former Gasoline UST	1
Northern Garage	2
Southern Garage	3
Total	8

These wells plus micro-well GP-5C on the Carrow property at 75 Fern Road should be monitored quarterly during the first year for Aromatic-VOCs and TPH. The well in the gasoline UST should be monitored for dissolved lead because dissolved lead may have been released from the UST. Annual reports presenting descriptions and documentation of investigation and remediation activities will be prepared. Costs for this annual reporting are spread over Tasks 3, 4, and 5.

The monitoring cost assumes that RSR ground water criteria will not be exceeded during any of the four quarters of the first year and after that, semi-annual monitoring is conducted for three years without any of the samples exceeding the criteria. This assumption is reasonable based on the low VOC concentrations detected in 1994 at all micro-wells except those close to the former gasoline UST and because completed soil remediation should lower ground water concentrations further. However, this result is not certain and therefore, the cost estimate includes an estimate for the annual cost to continue quarterly ground water monitoring. Also, remediation of the garage floors should occur before the structures are removed so that infiltrating rainwater does not leach contaminants into the ground water.

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6. Prepare a remedial action report that documents the implemented remedial actions and evaluates site compliance to the RSRs. This report would be the basis for either DEP or an licensed environmental professional (LEP) to verify remediation to compliance with the RSRs.

COST ESTIMATION

The attached table presents the estimated costs to perform the investigation and remediation described above. Charter Oak's cost estimates differ from the cost estimates prepared by Marin Environmental as presented in their March 2, 1995 draft letter. The Marin estimate was prepared prior to the establishment of the RSRs and the Voluntary Remediation Program. Therefore, the Marin estimate does not include preparation of an ECAF or LEP Verification. In regard to the garage soil remediation, Marin assumed that 80% of the building footprints would require excavation while Charter Oak assumed 100%. Both estimates assume that the average depth of excavation will be one foot. Charter Oak measured the dimensions of the buildings and found them to be bigger than the dimensions assumed by Marin. Charter Oak's soil transport and disposal costs are based on current market costs. Charter Oak did not include backfill costs because it is not clear that future use of this site will require that these shallow excavations be backfilled. Neither Marin nor Charter Oak included the cost of building demolition.

FUNDING SOURCES

The DEP used funds from the Connecticut Spill Fund for the removal of the gasoline UST in May 1999. The Town may apply to the Connecticut UST Petroleum Clean-up Fund for activities related to closure of this UST. That would include approximately one third of the ground water monitoring costs (Task 5). The heating oil UST and the garage floor remediation are not eligible for reimbursement from the Fund. As a third party, the Town is potentially eligible for 100% reimbursement for eligible expenses. However, a citizens' board governs the actual reimbursement distributed by the Fund the board may reduce the reimbursement amount for any of the following reasons:

- Failure to obtain three competitive bids for all contractors, including consultants;
- Work considered by the panel to be unnecessary or extravagant; and,
- Inadequate expense documentation.

The cost of applying to the UST Petroleum Clean-up Fund is potentially reimbursable. According to the ground water monitoring program described under Task 5, the Town could apply for the cost to install one well in the former gasoline UST and one upgradient background well and the cost to monitor these two wells plus the existing micro-well GP-5. According to our cost estimates, the potential recovery from the LUST Fund is \$9,320.

Sincerely,

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CHARTER OAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl J. Mohrbacher". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Carl J. Mohrbacher
Senior Hydrogeologist

Negro Property #76 Fern Rd. Mansfield, Ct.

Drawn by DEP- LUST 1/24/95

Modified by Charter Oak 9/5/01

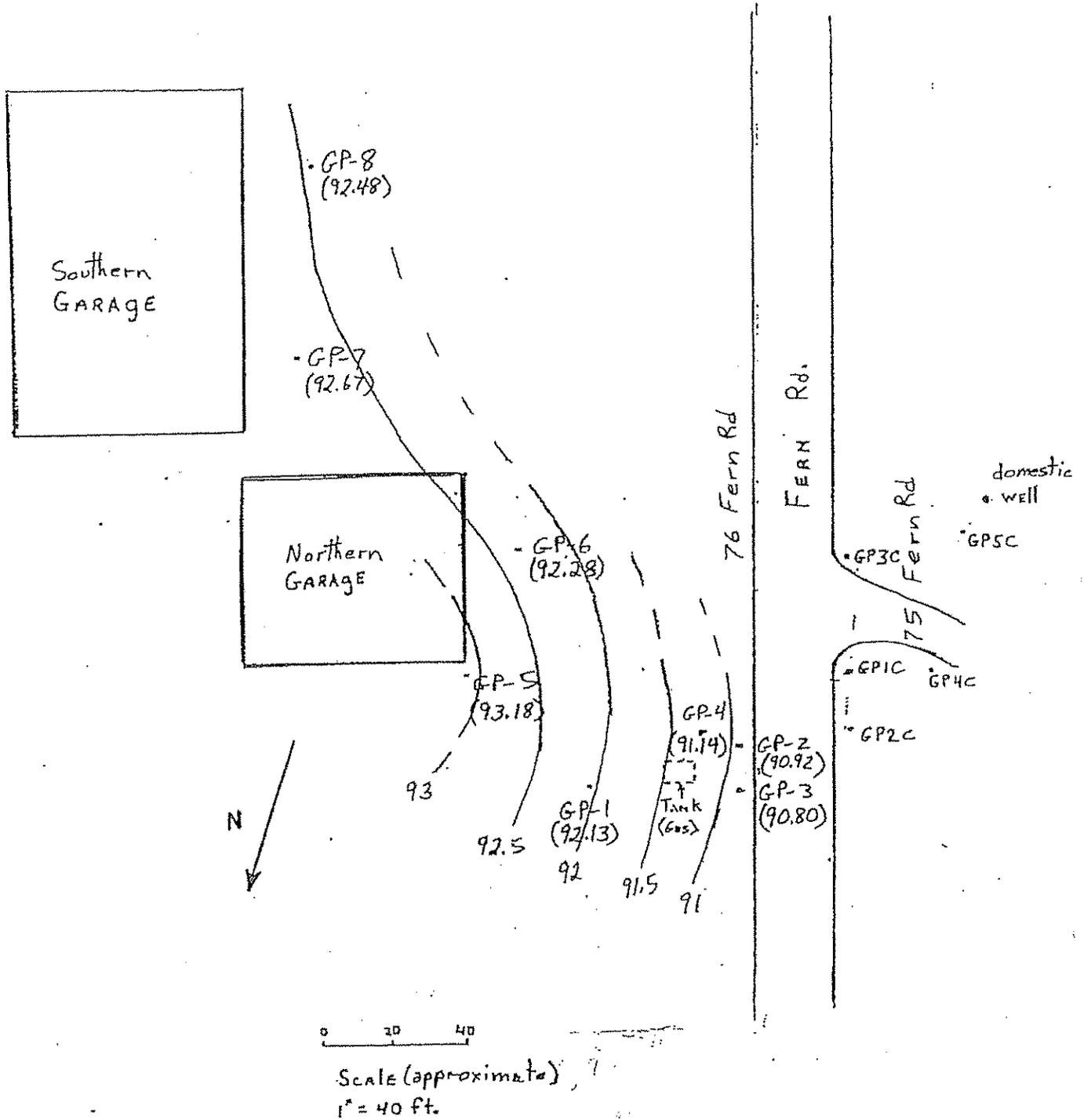


Figure 1 Micro-wells and Ground Water Table Contours (3/94)

Negro Property #76 Fern Rd. Mansfield, Ct

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FPH Soil Sampling (PPM) - 5/24/99

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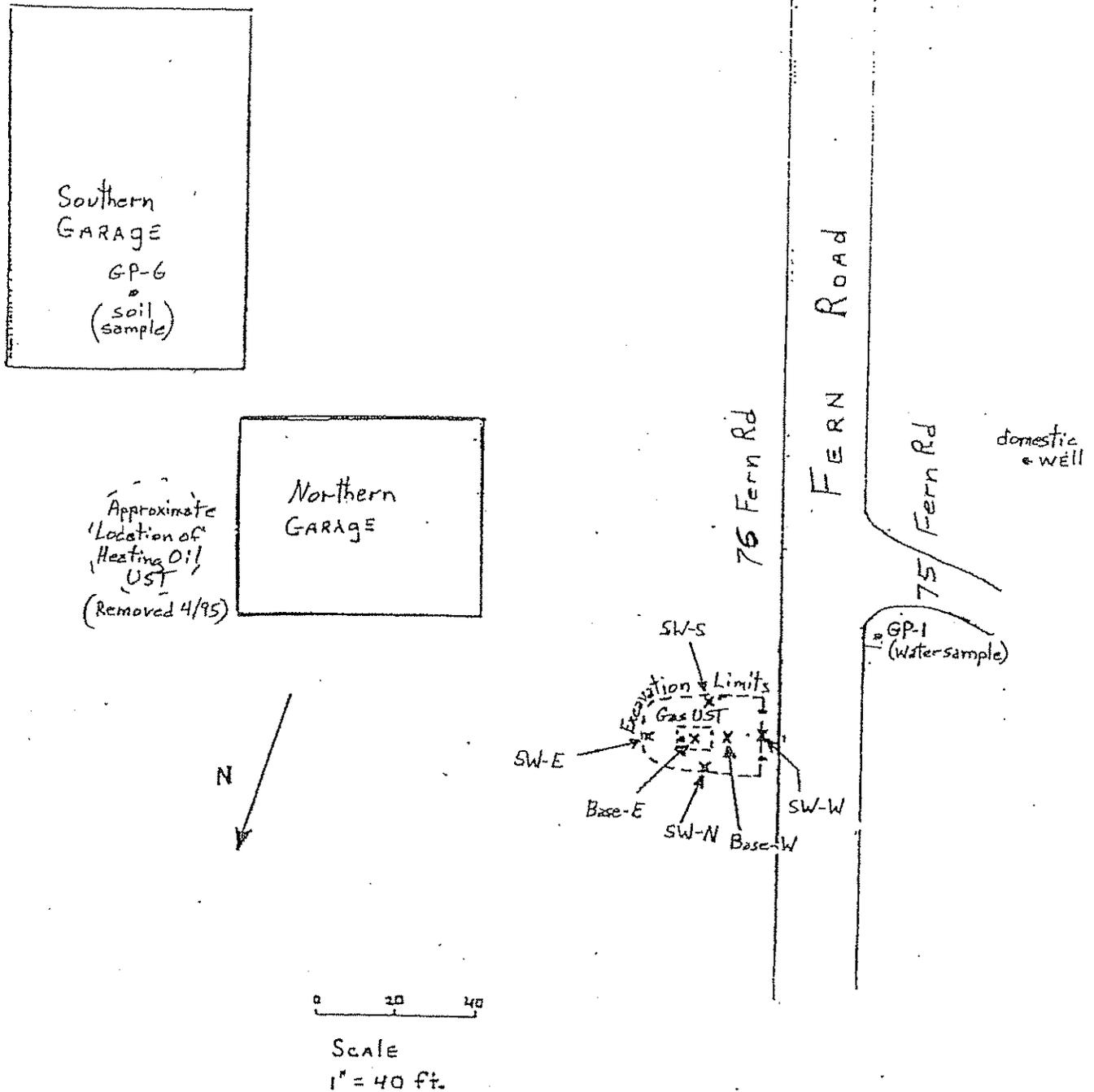


Figure 2 UST and Soil Sampling Locations

TABLE 1
SUMMARY OF DEP GROUND WATER RESULTS
76 FERN ROAD
EPA METHOD 624

Collection Date: 2/15/94

Constituent	GP-1	GP-2	GP-3	GP-4	GWPC	R GWVC
1,2,4 trimethylbenzene	14	7000	5.4	18000	350	NE
1,3,5 trimethylbenzene	4.1	3700	3.9	14000	350	NE
cumene	1.5	400	ND	1900	30	NE
ethylbenzene	ND	180	ND	3400	700	50000
xylene	6.1	1330	ND	26000	530	21300
naphthalene	7.7	470	ND	5300	280	NE
n-propylbenzene	2.8	1300	ND	6900	61	NE
p-isopropyltoluene	9.1	1700	2.6	840	70	NE
styrene	1.5	ND	ND	ND	100	580
toluene	ND	120	ND	1300	1000	23500

Collection Date: 4/27/94

Constituent	69 Fern	71 Fern	75 Fern	83 Fern	GWPC	R GWVC
VOCs (EPA 624)	ND	ND	ND	ND		

Collection Date: 4/27/94

Constituent	GP-5	GP-6	GP-7	GWPC	R GWVC
1,2,4 trimethylbenzene	62	ND	2.8	350	NE
1,3,5 trimethylbenzene	8.7	ND	ND	350	NE
p-isopropyltoluene	55	ND	ND	70	NE
xylene	ND	ND	1.7	350	NE

Collection Date: 12/27/94

Constituent	GP-1C	GP-2C	GP-3C	GP-5C	GWPC	R GWVC
1,2,4 trimethylbenzene	33	ND	ND	ND	350	NE
1,3,5 trimethylbenzene	13	ND	ND	ND	350	NE
cumene	6.5	ND	ND	ND	30	NE
ethylbenzene	18	ND	ND	ND	700	50000
xylene	28.4	ND	ND	ND	530	21300
naphthalene	4.6	ND	ND	ND	280	NE
n-propylbenzene	12	ND	ND	ND	61	NE
p-isopropyltoluene	1.4	ND	ND	ND	70	NE
styrene	ND	ND	ND	ND	100	580
toluene	1.9	ND	ND	ND	1000	23500
MTBE	ND	ND	ND	1.7	100	50000

GP-1 = Identifier for microwell located on 76 Fern Street property

GP-1C = Identifier for microwell located on 75 Fern Street (Carrow) property

GWPC = Ground Water Protection Criteria

R GWVC = Criteria for Volatilization from Ground Water for Residential Land Use

ND = Not Detected

Units = micrograms per liter

TABLE 2
SUMMARY OF DEP SOIL SAMPLE RESULTS
76 FERN ROAD
EPA METHOD 624

Collection Date: 12/27/94 South Garage Soil Samples

Constituent	GP-6	Composite	GA PMC	R DEC
Depth	4 ft	3 in	mg/kg	mg/kg
MTBE (mg/kg)	0.019	0.016	2	500

Collection Date: 5/24/99 Gasoline UST Closure

Constituent	SW-N	SW-E	SW-S	SW-W	BASE-E	BASE-W	GA PMC	R DEC
Depth (ft)	8	8	8	10	11	9	mg/kg	mg/kg
TPH (418.1)	44	44	46	64	42	59.6	500	500
1,2,4 trimethylbenzene	NS	NS	NS	3.16	NS	NS	7	500
1,3,5 trimethylbenzene	NS	NS	NS	1.461	NS	NS	7	500
cumene	NS	NS	NS	0.073	NS	NS	0.6	500
ethylbenzene	NS	NS	NS	0.013	NS	NS	10.1	500
xylene	NS	NS	NS	0.083	NS	NS	19.5	500
naphthalene	NS	NS	NS	0.02	NS	NS	5.6	1000
n-propylbenzene	NS	NS	NS	0.481	NS	NS	1.4	500
p-isopropyltoluene	NS	NS	NS	0.076	NS	NS	1.4	500
MTBE	NS	NS	NS	0.001	NS	NS	500	2
sec-butylbenzene	NS	NS	NS	0.105	NS	NS	1.4	500
n-butylbenzene	NS	NS	NS	1.101	NS	NS	1.4	500

GA PMC = Pollutant Mobility Criteria for GA-class Ground Water Areas

R DEC = Direct Exposure Criteria for Residential Land Use

SW-N = Excavation sidewall soil sample (north side)

Base-E = Excavation base soil sample (east end)

NS = Not sampled

Units = milligrams per kilogram

TABLE 3
SUMMARY OF MARIN SOIL SAMPLE RESULTS
76 FERN ROAD

Collection Date: 4/27/95

Heating Oil UST Closure

Constituent	SW-N	SW-E	SW-S	SW-W	BASE	GA PMC	R DEC
Depth (ft)					7.5	mg/kg	mg/kg
TPH (418.1)	ND<25	ND<25	ND<25	ND<25	ND<25	500	500
Aromatic VOCs (EPA 8020)	ND<0.05	ND<0.05	ND<0.05	ND<0.05	ND<0.05		

Collection Date: 4/27/95

Northern Garage Investigation

Constituent	Zone I	Zone II	Zone III	Zone IV	GA PMC	R DEC
Depth	0-6"	0-6"	0-6"	0-6"	mg/kg	mg/kg
TPH (418.1)	11,780	2,307	7,280	22,990	500	500
Aromatic VOCs (EPA 8020)	ND<0.05	ND<0.05	ND<0.05	ND<0.05		
Chlorinated VOCs (EPA 8020)	ND<0.05	ND<0.05	ND<0.05	ND<0.05		
PCBs	ND<0.1	ND<0.1	ND<0.1	ND<0.1		1.0
Barium	0.6	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	1.0	4700
Other Seven RCRA Metals	ND	ND	ND	ND		

Collection Date: 4/27/95

Southern Garage Investigation

Constituent	Composite	GA PMC	R DEC
Depth	0-6"	mg/kg	mg/kg
TPH (418.1)	14,460	500	500
Aromatic VOCs (EPA 8020)	ND<0.05		
Chlorinated VOCs (EPA 8020)	ND<0.05		
PCBs	ND<0.1		1.0
Eight RCRA Metals	ND		

GA PMC = Pollutant Mobility Criteria for GA-class Ground Water Areas

R DEC = Direct Exposure Criteria for Residential Land Use

SW-N = Excavation sidewall soil sample (north side)

Base = Excavation base soil sample

ND = Not Detected

Units = milligrams per kilogram

TABLE 4
SUMMARY OF POST-EXCAVATION GROUND WATER RESULTS
76 FERN ROAD
EPA METHOD 624

Collection Date: 4/27/95

Constituent	Heating Oil UST
Aromatic VOCs (EPA 8020)	ND<0.001

Collection Date: 5/19/99

Constituent	75 Fern Road
VOCs (EPA 624)	ND

Collection Date: 5/24/99

Constituent	GP-1C
VOCs (EPA 624)	ND

GP-1C = Identifier for microwell located on 75 Fern Street (Carrow) property

ND = Not Detected

Units = milligrams per liter

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76 FERN ROAD
MANSFIELD CONNECTICUT
September 2001

TASK 1: Phase I ESA \$ 1,500
TASK 2: Preparation of ECAF \$ 1,000

TASK 3: Remediation of Garage Soil

Excavation & Loading	\$ 11,000	No Backfill
Transport & Disposal	\$ 39,000	600 tons at \$65/ton
Sampling		
Verification	\$ 2,650	50 TPH samples & 20 A-VOCs
Characterization	\$ 600	
Engineering Supervision	\$ 7,500	
Total	\$ 60,750	

Task 4 Test Pitting

Backhoe	\$ 1,000	Local Operator
Sampling	\$ 1,580	12 TPH, VOC, Pb
Engineering	\$ 2,000	
Total	\$ 4,580	

Task 5 Installation & Sampling of Monitoring Wells

Installation of Monitoring Wells	\$ 8,400	8 permanent wells (2" PVC)
First Year Quarterly Monitoring		
Analysis	\$ 3,068	9 TPH, AVOC, 2 Pb; 4quarters
Labor	\$ 6,000	
Years 2-4 Semi-Annual Monitoring		
Analysis	\$ 4,602	9 TPH, AVOC, 2 Pb; 6 events
Labor	\$ 8,000	
Total	\$ 30,070	

Task 6 Report & LEP Verification \$7,000

Project Total \$ 104,900



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*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 ***

TITLE 22a ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
CHAPTER 445 HAZARDOUS WASTE

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22a-133dd (2011)

Sec. 22a-133dd. Entry onto property to perform environmental site assessment or investigation on behalf of municipality.

(a) Any municipality or any licensed environmental professional employed or retained by a municipality may enter, without liability upon any property within such municipality for the purpose of performing an environmental site assessment or investigation on behalf of the municipality if: (1) The owner of such property cannot be located; (2) such property is encumbered by a lien for taxes due such municipality; (3) upon a filing of a notice of eminent domain; (4) the municipality's legislative body finds that such investigation is in the public interest to determine if the property is underutilized or should be included in any undertaking of development, redevelopment or remediation pursuant to this chapter or chapter 130, 132 or 581; or (5) any official of the municipality reasonably finds such investigation necessary to determine if such property presents a risk to the safety, health or welfare of the public or a risk to the environment. The municipality shall give at least forty-five days' notice of such entry before the first such entry by certified mail to the property owner's last known address of record.

(b) A municipality accessing or entering a property to perform an investigation pursuant to this section shall not be liable for preexisting conditions pursuant to section 22a-432, 22a-433, 22a-451 or 22a-452, or to the property owner or any third party, provided the municipality (1) did not establish, cause or contribute to the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of such hazardous substance, material, waste or pollution; (2) does not negligently or recklessly exacerbate the conditions; and (3) complies with reporting of significant environmental hazard requirements pursuant to section 22a-6u. To the extent that any conditions are negligently or recklessly exacerbated, the municipality shall only be responsible for responding to contamination exacerbated by its activities.

(c) The owner of the property may object to such access and entry by the municipality by filing an action in the Superior Court not later than thirty days after receipt of the notice provided pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, provided any objection be limited to the issue of whether access is necessary and only upon proof by the owner that the owner has (1) completed or is in the process of completing in a timely manner a comprehensive environmental site assessment or investigation report; (2) provided the party seeking access with a copy of the assessment or report or will do so not later than thirty days after the delivery of such assessment or report to the owner; and (3) paid any delinquent property taxes assessed against the property for which access is being sought.

(d) For purposes of this section, "municipality" includes any municipality, municipal economic development agency or entity created or operating under chapter 130 or 132, nonprofit economic development corporation formed to promote the common good, general welfare and economic development of a municipality that is funded, either directly or through in-kind services, in part by a municipality, or nonstock corporation or limited liability company established and controlled by a municipality, municipal economic development agency or entity created or operating under chapter 130 or 132.

HISTORY: (P.A. 98-253, S. 12; P.A. 08-174, S. 6; P.A. 09-235, S. 6.)

NOTES:

History: P.A. 08-174 designated existing provisions as Subsec. (a) and amended same to add provisions re municipalities, insert "to any person other than the Commissioner of Environmental Protection" provision, add Subdiv. (4) re investigations in the public interest and Subdiv. (5) re investigations to determine risk to the public or environment and make technical changes, added Subsec. (b) re liability pursuant to Sec. 22a-432 and added Subsec. (c) re property owner's right to object to access and entry, effective June 13, 2008; P.A. 09-235 amended Subsec. (a) to delete "to any person other than the Commissioner of Environmental Protection", amended Subsec. (b) to delete provision re protection from liability pursuant to Sec. 22a-432 except for negligent or reckless investigations and add provisions re protection from liability for preexisting conditions pursuant to Sec. 22a-432, 22a-433, 22a-451 or 22a-452, amended Subsec. (c) to add provisions limiting objection to issue of whether access is necessary and delete provision re owner affirmatively representing it is diligently investigating site and any taxes will be paid, and added Subsec. (d) defining "municipality", effective July 9, 2009.

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Non-Medical/radioactive Hazardous Waste

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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; Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance; Christine Gamache, Collector of Revenue; Jaime Russell, Director of Information Technology; Irene Luciano, Assessor
Date: April 23, 2012
Re: Quality Data Service (QDS) – Revenue Collection and Assessor's Administrative System Demonstration

Subject Matter/Background

The 2010/11 adopted capital improvement budget included funds to update the Revenue Collection and Assessor's Administrative System software. In June, 2011 a request for qualifications was sent out and we received bids from QDS, R Walsh Associates, and Vision Appraisal. A team consisting of Jaime Russell, Cherie Trahan, Christine Gamache (Revenue Collector) and Irene Luciano (Assessor) reviewed the bids, product demonstrations and interviewed all applicants. They selected Quality Data Service (QDS), a firm that currently supports 129 towns in Connecticut.

Significant service improvements to our residents and taxpayers, along with improved efficiency and accuracy are some of the anticipated benefits. Christine and Irene are in attendance to demonstrate the system and its benefits and to answer questions of Council members. Jaime and Cherie will also be available to answer any questions.

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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; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works; Virginia Walton, Solid Waste Coordinator; Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance
Date: April 23, 2012
Re: Connecticut Department of Transportation Alternate Fuel Vehicle Program Grant Application

Subject Matter/Background

The state has announced another round of funding for hybrid or other alternate fuel vehicles wherein state grants may be available to fund the difference between the cost of a conventionally fueled vehicle and an alternatively fueled vehicle. The Town has purchased at least two of these types of vehicles under this program in recent years.

Staff has prepared an application to apply for funding for an electric vehicle, or if full funding is not available, a hybrid vehicle. The application is attached.

Financial Impact

Should the Town be awarded grant funding to purchase the electric vehicle (Nissan Leaf), the cost to the Town will be \$16,875 as that is the cost of the comparable conventionally fueled vehicle (Nissan Versa). The grant would cover the \$19,774 difference between the Nissan Versa and the Nissan Leaf. The Town would be able to use the electric car charging station outside of the Mansfield Community Center and the four charging stations that will be in the new parking garage to charge the vehicle.

Should the Town be awarded grant funding to purchase the hybrid vehicle (Honda Civic Hybrid), the cost to the Town will be \$16,579 as that is the cost of the comparable conventionally fueled vehicle (Honda Civic). The grant would cover the \$7,000 difference between the Honda Civic Hybrid and the Honda Civic.

The above referenced Town expenditures are included in the Fiscal Year 2012/13 capital budget as funding for replacement vehicles.

Either an electric vehicle or a hybrid vehicle will use less fuel than a conventional vehicle saving the equivalent fueling costs over the life of the vehicle. (The Town has had excellent success with the hybrid vehicles it operates now.)

Legal Review

As this is an existing program with a standard application and agreement with the CT DOT, the Town Attorney's review has not been sought.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council approve the alternate fuel vehicle program grant application.

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

Resolved this 23rd of April, 2012 that the Mansfield Town Council approves the filing of the application to purchase an alternate fueled vehicle under the CT DOT's Alternate Fuel Vehicle Program.

Attachments

- 1) Connecticut Department of Transportation Alternate Fuel Vehicle Program Grant Application

**Connecticut Department of Transportation
2012 – Connecticut Clean Fuel Program
Application Form**

Section 1:

Applicant's name	Town of Mansfield, CT
Mailing address	4 South Eagleville Rd, Storrs, CT 06268
Contact person	Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works
Email	hultgrenLR@mansfieldct.org
Phone	860-429-3332
Fax	860-429-6863

**Section 2: Summary of Existing Operations
Description of the Town of Mansfield**

Mansfield, the home to the University of Connecticut, is typical of other New England towns, with its landscape dominated by farmland, forests, wetlands and single family homes set on 2 or more acres. UConn, with its student population of 20,000+ students is the equivalent of a small, fairly self-contained city within the Town's semi-rural landscape. The Town government serves a population of about 25,000 residents who pride themselves in supporting a sustainable community through its educational programs and town government.

Description of the existing fleet operation including existing vehicle types, existing fueling stations used, specific operational tasks per vehicle type, and miles driven per year per vehicle type-

Attachment 1
The fueling station for all town vehicles is located at the public works garage.

Section 3: Proposed AFV/CFV Purchase(s)

Provide a detailed list of vehicles the applicant is proposing for reimbursement under the CCF program –

1 Nissan LEAF (first preference) or
1 Honda Civic Hybrid (second preference)

Will the vehicle require an alternative fueling station?

The Nissan Leaf will have access to the electric car charging station located in the municipal parking lot and four charging stations in the Town's new parking garage about 1500 feet from the Town Hall.

Where will the vehicle be fueled and how many miles away is the fueling station?

The Nissan Leaf will be parked in the Town Hall municipal parking lot with five charging stations near the Town Hall. For the second choice vehicle, the Honda Civic Hybrid will be fueled at the public works garage, located 2.8 miles away.

Section 4: Proposed Diesel Retrofit Technologies (DRT) Purchase(s)

Not applicable

Section 5: Specialized Vehicle Purchases

Provide any information relevant in determining the award amount including the OEM invoice price for the proposed purchase and an OEM invoice price of a similar make and model.

Make, Model	OEM Invoice of Proposed	OEM Invoice of Similar	Cost Difference
Nissan Leaf	\$36,649	\$16,875 – Nissan Versa	\$19,774
Honda Civic Hybrid	\$23,579	\$16,579 – Honda Civic	\$7,000

Section 6: Purpose and Need

Project Summary

Will the purchase of this AFV/CFV replace an existing vehicle or expand current fleet operations?

The Town Council has approved a budget that includes the replacement of the Deputy Fire Marshall's car, which is a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria with 141,685 clocked miles. The Town is requesting grant funds to replace a 16 mpg vehicle with a zero or low-emissions, energy efficient vehicle – either the Nissan Leaf (first preference) or a Honda Civic Hybrid (second preference).

Please describe how the AFV will be used including specific tasks, estimated yearly mileage and estimated hours of operation?

The replacement vehicle will be used during a 35 hour work week by the Deputy Fire Marshall for fire emergencies and routine inspections. It will be used for an estimated 7,000 miles per year.

Who will be the primary operator of the vehicle and who will benefit?

The Deputy Fire Marshall will be the primary operator of the vehicle, but other members of the fire department will have access to it. The Town of Mansfield will benefit from reduced greenhouse gases and lower operating expenses.

What are the organizational benefits of this purchase?

The Town's strategic plan identifies sustainability as a high priority. The Town recently installed an electric charging station in the Community Center parking lot and is preparing to install four more electric car charging stations in a newly constructed town parking garage. All charging stations will be located in close proximity to photovoltaic systems. The Community Center, with an 83 kilowatt solar array, and the parking garage, with a planned rooftop solar carport, makes the use of an all-electric vehicle a zero emissions option. Using an all-electric vehicle for town business models an alternative approach for residents. Likewise, reducing fuel consumption by using a hybrid vehicle reduces greenhouse gases and demonstrates fiscal responsibility.

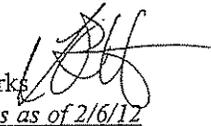
Section 7: Enhance Public Awareness

A secondary goal of this program is an education and outreach effort to enhance public awareness of alternative fuel. Explain how the applicant will foster this effort.

Upon its purchase, the Town will feature the electric vehicle or hybrid on the Town's homepage and sustainability web pages. Residents will be notified of the value of electric vehicles when paired with a photovoltaic system through the Town's e-mail notification system (500 subscribers), quarterly trash bills (2,600 households) and media press releases. Once the Storrs intermodal center in the town parking garage is completed, an information kiosk will feature alternative modes of transportation and include examples of those used by the municipality.

Attachment 1

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
MEMORANDUM
2-7-12

To: Matt Hart, Town Manager
From: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works 
RE: Sedans, Vans, Pickups and Dump Trucks as of 2/6/12

Designation	Year/Description	Assigned to	Approx. current Mileage	Approx. Use (mi/yr)	Status
<u>Sedans</u>					
M-1	'09 Toyota Prius	Town Manager	29,233	9,000	
M-20	'01 Ford Crown Vic	Clerk of the Works	96,900	7,000	
M-21	'06 Chevy Impala	Police	50,361	4,000	
M-22	'03 Ford Crown Vic	Social Services	78,195	4,000	
M-23	'00 Ford Crown Vic	Police	84,549	3,000	
M-24	'06 Chevy	Police	40,426	6,500	
M-43	'04 Honda	Recreation	36,228	3,500	
M-59	'00 Dodge Stratus	Asst. Bldg. Insp.	79,454	8,000	
M-60	'99 Ford Crown Vic	Deputy Fire Marshal	141,685	7,000	
M-66	'06 Honda Civic	Finance	30,139	3,000	
M-68	'02 Honda	Pool Car	52,850	5,000	
M-82	'05 Honda Civic	Housing Insp.	33,820	5,000	
<u>Vans</u>					
M-30	'00 Chevy full size	Engineering	29,603	2,000	
M-36	'98 Chevy Astro	Animal Control	117,521	8,000	needs replacement
M-57	'99 Ford	Board of Ed	108,193	6,000	
M-70	'00 Ford Econoline	Recreation	43,903	3,000	
M-74	'91 GMC Sierra	Bldg. Maint.	156,553	7,000	
M-76	'06 GMC	Garage (Mech's)	23,650	5,000	
M-77	'06 Ford Escape	Bldg. Maint.	71,786	9,000	
M-78	'06 Chevy Box Truck	Board of Ed	73,176	13,000	
M-79	'02 Ford Explorer	Fire Marshal	146,174	13,000	
M-80	'03 Ford F350	Bldg. Maint.	117,470	12,000	
M-83	'07 Ford Explorer	Fire Chief	58,460	10,000	
<u>Pickups</u>					
M-2	'10 Ford Ranger	Dir. of P.W.	15,335	8,000	
M-3	'09 Ford Ranger	Supt. of DPW	44,575	23,000	
M-4	'02 Chevy 4x4	Roads	129,027	8,000	
M-13	'11 Ford F350	Grounds.	9,263	8,000	
M-55	'02 Chevy	Grounds Crew Leader	148,200	13,000	
M-56	'00 Chevy pick-up	Bldg. Maint.	111,691	5,000	
M-62	'09 Ford F350	General DPW	27,218	11,000	
M-64	'08 GMC Sierra	Grounds	38,475	7,000	
M-73	'08 GMC Sierra	Dir. of Maintenance	66,586	15,000	
M-81	'06 Ford Ranger	Bldg. Official	77,462	12,000	

Mansfield Department of Public Works

Large Dump Trucks as of 2/6/12

<u>#</u>	<u>Year/Description</u>	<u>make-model</u>	<u>Approx. current mileage</u>	<u>Approx. use miles/year</u>
M-5	'09	Peterbilt	27,409	7,000
M-6	'10	Peterbilt	21,942	9,000
M-7	'01	Int'l 4900	79,500	7,000
M-8	'99	Int'l 4900	78,278	4,000 replace 12/13
M-9	'01	Int'l 4900	86,822	5,000
M-10	'98	Int'l 4900	103,827	11,000 to be replaced early 2012
M-11	'04	Int'l 7400	57,463	7,000
M-12	'07	Int'l 4900	34,625	8,000
M-14	'00	Freightliner	266,243	1,000 Tractor Horse for trailers
M-17	'92	Int'l 4900	113,636	4,000 Sewer Flusher/Water Truck
M-40	'96	Vac-All	32,750	1,000
M-67	'97	Int'l 4900	96,457	6,000 to be replaced in 11/12

Small Dump Trucks

M-31	'00	Ford F350 4x4	93,094	7,000 replace 12/13
M-37	'99	Ford F450 4x4	104,785	7,000 to be replaced this year
M-38	'95	Int'l 4700LP	91,829	2,000
M-39	'05	GMC	65,670	10,000



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AC synchronous
motor

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lithium-ion
battery

3.3 kW
onboard
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120V
portable trickle
charging cable³

- battery heater

SL version includes SV features plus:

- Quick Charge Port (standard on SL)

brakes

- 4-wheel power-assisted vented disc brakes
- regenerative brakes
- 4-wheel Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)
- Electronic Brake force Distribution (EBD)
- Brake Assist (BA)
- electronic parking brake

suspension and steering

- independent strut front suspension with stabilizer bar
- torsion bar rear axle with integrated stabilizer bar
- vehicle-speed-sensitive electric power steering

exterior

styling + functionality

- body-color front and rear bumpers
- body-color front grille
- chrome door handles
- unique Zero Emission exterior badging
- aerodynamic LED headlights
- aerodynamic underbody and rear diffuser
- heated dual power body-color outside mirrors
- front UV-reducing solar glass
- rear spoiler
- remote-charge door release
- one-touch rear hatch/trunk release

wheels and tires

- 16" 5-spoke machined-finish aluminum-alloy wheels
- P205/55R16 all-season tires
- tire repair kit⁴

SL version includes SV features plus:

- fog lights
- RearView Monitor⁵
- photovoltaic solar panel rear spoiler
- automatic on/off headlights

interior

seating + appointments

- 5-passenger seating capacity
- 6-way manual adjustable driver's seat
- 4-way manual adjustable front-passenger's seat
- front and rear heated seats
- 60/40-split fold-down rear seats
- partially recycled light gray cloth seat fabric⁶
- front center armrest with storage
- heated 3-spoke steering wheel
- palm-shift drive selector



comfort + convenience

- Nissan Intelligent Key and Push Button Start
- Bluetooth™ Hands-free Phone System
- Automatic Temperature Control (ATC)
- rear seat heat duct
- trip computer
- remote keyless entry
- power door locks with auto-locking feature
- power windows with driver's one touch auto up/down feature
- auto-dimming rearview mirror
- tilt steering column
- cruise control with steering wheel-mounted controls
- variable intermittent windshield wipers
- rear intermittent wiper with washer
- rear window defroster
- 2 front map lights
- front door pockets
- center console storage
- dual sun visors
- dual visor vanity mirrors
- front and rear assist grips
- 2 cup holders
- auxiliary 12-volt DC power outlet

SL version includes SV features plus:

- cargo cover
- HomeLink® Universal Transceiver

dimensions

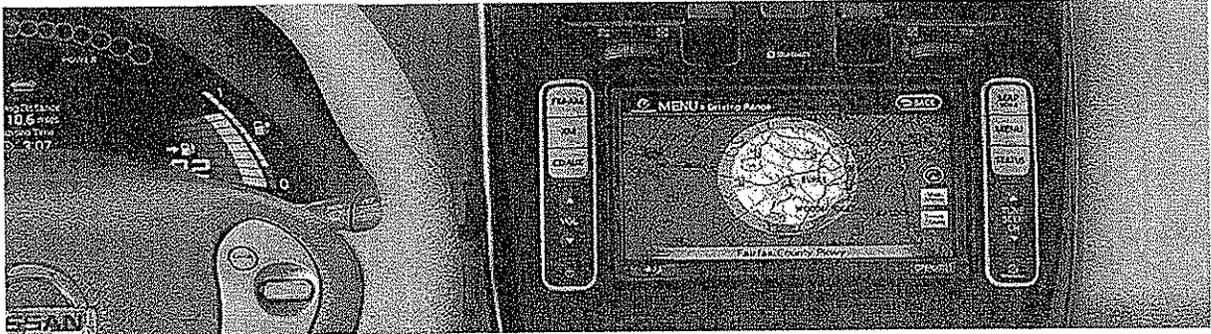
- head room (front/rear) 41.2 in / 37.3 in
- hip room (front/rear) 51.5 in / 50 in
- leg room (front/rear) 42.1 in / 31.1 in
- shoulder room (front/rear) 54.4 in / 52.5 in
- seating capacity 5
- cargo volume 14.5cu.Ft

audio system

- AM/FM/CD/MP3 audio system with MP3/WMA playback capability
- XM® Satellite Radio ⁷
- auxiliary audio input jack ⁸
- USB connection port for iPod® interface and other compatible devices ⁸
- 6 speakers
- steering wheel-mounted audio controls
- fixed roof antenna with blue accent

telematics

- Nissan Navigation System with 7.0" color display
- XM® NavTraffic
- CARWINGS™ connect to Nissan LEAF™ to
 - monitor battery state of charge/charging status
 - start vehicle charging event
 - activate heating and air conditioning systems



safety

- Nissan Advanced Air Bag System with dual-stage supplemental front air bags with seat-belt and occupant-classification sensors ⁹
- driver and front-passenger seat-mounted side-impact supplemental air bags ⁹
- roof-mounted curtain side-impact supplemental air bags for front and rear-seat outboard occupant head protection ⁹
- Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC)¹⁰ with Traction Control System (TCS)
- 3-point seat belts for all seating positions
- front seat belts with pretensioners and load limiters
- LATCH System (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children)
- front-seat height-adjustable headrests
- rear-seat height-adjustable headrests
- energy-absorbing steering column
- zone body construction with front and rear crumple zones
- Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS)

security

- Nissan vehicle immobilizer system
- vehicle security system

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- ¹ 100 miles based upon EPA LA4 city cycle conducted in laboratory tests. See http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/fe_test_schedules.shtml. Based upon EPA five-cycle tests using varying driving conditions and climate controls, the EPA has rated the Nissan LEAF a driving range of 73 miles. Battery capacity decreases with time and use. Actual range will vary depending upon driving/charging habits, speed, conditions, weather, temperature, and battery age. Actual range will vary depending upon driving/charging habits, speed, conditions, weather, temperature, and battery age.
 - ² CARWINGS™ requires compatible 2G GSM/GPRS cellular network provided by independent cellular companies not within Nissan's control. 2G cellular network not available in all areas. In areas with 2G network coverage, signal strength may vary and/or not be available at all times. Cellular technology is evolving, and changes to cellular networks may affect future CARWINGS™ functionality. Ask your cellular network carrier for details on anticipated 2G network availability in your area and how this may affect your planned usage. Should a cellular provider terminate/further restrict network service, CARWINGS service may be suspended or terminated without notice or liability to Nissan and/or its agents. Nissan not responsible for equipment replacement or upgrades, or associated costs, that may be required for continued CARWINGS operation due to cellular network changes. Certain remote functions require compatible smartphone, not included with vehicle. CARWINGS subscription service requires owner consent to activate. Subscription service for first 36 months included in vehicle price. Subscription available for purchase thereafter. Standard text rates and/or data usage may apply to CARWINGS communications received by email or SMS/text message.
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 - ⁴ In lieu of a spare tire.
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- MP3/auxiliary input jack
- MP3/Windows Media[®] Audio (WMA)⁵ playback capability
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- ECON button
- Instant fuel economy indicator
- System message indicator
- Tachometer
- Two-tier instrument panel
- Available Honda Satellite-Linked Navigation System^{™6} with Voice Recognition, XM[®] Radio⁷ and FM Traffic
- Available leather-trimmed seats, leather-wrapped steering wheel, heated front seats and heated side mirrors

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 - Customizable door lock settings
 - Customizable interior light settings
 - Customizable screen color settings
 - Customizable wallpaper settings
 - Digital fuel-mileage indicators
 - Digital odometer and digital trip meters (2)
 - Eco guide/eco score screen
 - Energy flow indicator
 - Exterior temperature indicator
 - FM Traffic (with navigation)
 - Maintenance Minder[™] system
 - Miles-to-empty indicator
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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; Linda Painter, Planning & Development Director; Curt Vincente, Parks and Recreation Director
Date: April 23, 2012
Re: Classification – Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator Position

Subject Matter/Background

For reasons stated in the attached documentation, staff is seeking Council's approval to create the classification of Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator. If approved, the Town's Parks Coordinator will be reclassified to Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator. Traditionally, the Personnel Committee reviews and the Council as a whole approves pay grades for new non-union classifications. The Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator classification would be a new classification for the Town.

At its April 16, 2012 meeting, the Personnel Committee reviewed and endorsed staff's recommendation to create the classification of Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator and set the pay grade for the position at grade 18, salary range of \$29/hr-\$37.70/hr (\$52,980/yr - \$68,873/yr), of the town administrators pay plan.

Financial Impact

Despite the increased pay grade (grade 15 to grade 18), there will actually be a net gain to the Parks and Recreation Fund during the three years of HUD grant funding for this position. The Town currently funds 25 hours per week for this position. During the three year HUD grant period, the Town will fund 20 hours per week and the grant will fund 15 hours per week.

Recommendation

Staff and the Personnel Committee recommend that the Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator position be classified as grade 18 of the town administrators (non-union) pay plan.

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

Move, effective April 23, 2012 to create the classification of Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator and set the pay grade for the position at grade 18, salary range of \$29/hr-\$37.70/hr (\$52,980/yr - \$68,873/yr), of the town administrators pay plan.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed classification and pay grade analysis

MEMORANDUM

Town of Mansfield
Town Manager's Office
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860-429-3339
maria.capriola@mansfieldct.org



To: Matt Hart, Town Manager

From: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager *Maria*
Linda Painter, Planning and Development Director *LJP*
Curt Vincente, Parks and Recreation Director *Curt*

Date: March 29, 2012

Re: Reclassification Review – Jennifer Kaufman

Subject Matter/Background

The current incumbent in the Parks Coordinator position, Jennifer Kaufman, was hired a little over eleven years ago in a very part-time capacity. Over the years the scope and responsibilities of the position have grown as hours have been added to the position. Most recently sustainability duties and five additional hours were added to the position for the current fiscal year. The position is currently a twenty-five hour per week position.

As you know, as part of our recent grant award from the HUD Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities we will need to complete the following projects over the next three years: Sustainable Design and Green Building Action Plan; housing and economic development strategy; update the Plan of Conservation and Development and rewrite of zoning and subdivision regulations. There are funds provided within the grant award for salaries of staff working on this initiative. As Ms. Kaufman has skills and experience that can assist in this initiative, we plan for her to work full-time during the grant period beginning September 1, 2012. It is estimated that she will spend 15 hours per week working on grant activities, which will be funded through the grant award. Prior to September 1st it is estimated that she will spend five hours per week on grant activities.

Due to increased natural resources (parks, open space) and sustainability (including work on the HUD initiative) duties this review was initiated by her supervisors Curt Vincente and Linda Painter and endorsed by Human Resources/Town Manager's Office staff, Maria Capriola.

Class Description

Attached please find the proposed class description for the Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator position; this would be a new classification. We believe that the description accurately reflects the essential functions and duties for the position, and identifies the qualifications that the employee must possess.

Pay Grade

To determine where the Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator position should be assigned within the town's classification and pay plan, Springsted's Class Evaluation System Manual was used. The manual consists of a point factor system, which the rater uses to evaluate a position according to nine job factors. The rater then combines the individual job factor scores to produce an overall position score. Next, the rater compares the position against several "benchmark" positions within the classification plan as well as external salary data to determine the pay grade for the new position.

Internal Comparison

Jennifer is currently classified as a Parks Coordinator, grade 15 of the non-union pay scale. Results of the review indicate that it is important to increase points awarded for human relations, independence of action, impact on results, and training to reflect higher level work performed for various committee and commission assignments, grants management, and drafting regulations. The recommended total points for the position is 385 points. The scores and pay grades of various internal benchmark positions within the classification plan are as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Pay Grade</u>
<i>Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator</i>	<i>385 points</i>	<i>Non-Union Grade 18</i>
Budget Analyst	350 points	Non-Union Grade 18
Librarian	375 points	Non-Union Grade 18
Network Administrator	385 points	Non-Union Grade 18
Zoning Enforcement Officer	345 points	Prof/Tech Union

External Comparison

A salary survey seeking comparable positions around the state was conducted. We looked at a combination of assistant planner and natural resources/parks positions that perform similar work to Jennifer's duties. The average hourly range for similarly surveyed positions was \$29.18 - \$38.50 and the average annual range for the positions was \$56,336 - \$74,581. For comparison purposes, the hourly range is more useful as the number of hours worked per week varied from 35-40 and budgeted weeks per year varied from 52-52.2, both of which impact the annual salary value(s). At grade 18 of the town administrators pay plan, the salary range for the proposed Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator position would be \$29/hr - \$37.70/hr or \$52,980/yr - \$68,873/yr which is on target with surveyed communities.

Recommendation

Based upon this analysis, we recommend the following effective July 1, 2012:

- Change Jennifer's job classification to Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator.
- Score the position at 385 points for the purposes of the classification plan.
- Set the pay grade for the position at grade 18 of the town administrators (non-union) pay plan
 - If endorsed by the Personnel Committee and approved by the Council (since this is a new classification of a non-union position), Jennifer would be reclassified prospectively effective July 1, 2012.

Financial Impact

Despite the increased pay grade (grade 15 to grade 18), there will actually be a net gain to the Parks and Recreation Fund during the three years of grant funding for this position. The Town currently funds 25 hours per week for this position. During the three year grant period, the Town will fund 20 hours per week and the grant will fund 15 hours per week.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed job description
- 2) Classification analysis
- 3) Salary Survey

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Class Title: Natural Resources & Sustainability Coordinator
Group: Town Administrators
Pay Grade: Town Administrators Grade 18
FLSA: Exempt
Effective Date: July 1, 2012

General Description/Definition of Work

This position performs responsible professional and administrative work related to the management of the Town's natural resources (such as parks and open spaces) and coordination of sustainability initiatives. Duties include preparing and implementing plans and studies; drafting regulations; conducting data collection and research; managing projects such as parks improvements and open space acquisitions; writing and managing grants; preparing reports; advising boards, commissions, committees and elected officials; coordinating volunteers and supervising seasonal employees; maintaining parks, open space, and sustainability records. Work is performed under general supervision. Position reports to the Director of Parks and Recreation and Director of Planning and Development.

Essential Job Functions/Typical Tasks:

- Manages the development and implementation of natural resource, open space and park management plans and sustainability initiatives.
- Prepares and recommends parks, land management and sustainability policies to the Parks and Recreation Director, Director of Planning and Development and other Town officials.
- Assists in the research, preparation and presentation of the Plan of Conservation and Development, special planning studies, Zoning and Subdivisions Regulations and Zoning Map.
- Provides technical assistance and professional guidance to the Town Council and various Town commissions and committees including the Planning and Zoning Commission, Agriculture Committee, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Open Space Committee, Parks Advisory Committee, Sustainability Committee, and others as assigned. Maintains records and files for Town committees as assigned.
- Develops grant proposals and oversees implementation of grant awards; ensures compliance with requirements of grant funded activities/agencies; prepares grant applications and related material; researches grant opportunities.
- Manages projects performed by outside consultants related to sustainability and natural resource management and grant awards.
- Assists with special Town initiatives as assigned.
- Conducts data collection and research, including preparation of related reports.
- Establishes and maintains filing and records management systems for the Town's parks, open space, and sustainability programs.
- Prepares and distributes news releases, flyers, brochures, and other public relations materials as needed.
- Manages and coordinates volunteer activities related to open space management, preparation and rental of community gardens, Friends of Mansfield Parks membership and educational programs.
- Supervises grant funded (seasonal) parks assistant, student workers, or other personnel as assigned.
- Performs related tasks as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Thorough knowledge of parks and land management programs and techniques.
- Thorough knowledge of sustainability principles and practices, and their relationship to land use planning, town policies, regulations and ordinances.

Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator (cont'd.)

- Thorough knowledge of land use and zoning laws, community development activities, environmental policy, economic development practices, transportation planning and their relationship to land use planning.
- Ability to read and interpret blueprints, site plans and architectural designs.
- Ability to gather and interpret technical and statistical information and prepare reports.
- Ability to communicate effectively both in writing and through oral presentation.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, town officials and town residents
- Ability to work independently and make decisions following established policies and operating procedures.
- Ability to operate personal computer and various software packages, including but not limited to: word processing, spreadsheets, presentation, and GIS.

Education and Experience:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with major course work in Parks and Recreation Management, Planning, Natural Resources, Environmental Science or related field. Master's degree preferred. Professional experience in planning and natural resource management, including at least one year of supervisory experience required. Consideration may be given to equivalent experience and training.

Physical Demands and Work Environment:

(The physical demands and work environment characteristics described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. The list is not all-inclusive and may be supplemented as necessary. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.)

- This is light work requiring the exertion of up to 20 pounds of force occasionally, up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and a negligible amount of force constantly to move objects.
- Work requires balancing, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, and repetitive motions.
- Vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word.
- Hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels.
- Visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, peripheral vision, preparing and analyzing written or computer data, use of measuring devices, operation of machines, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities.
- The worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions.

Special Requirements:

Must have a valid driver's license. The incumbent in the position is expected to attend evening and weekend meetings and events as needed in support of the work of assigned Town Committees, Commissions, and Boards.

The above description is illustrative of tasks and responsibilities. It is not meant to be all-inclusive of every task or responsibility. The description does not constitute an employment agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the employee and is subject to change by the Town as the needs of the Town and requirements of the job change.

Approved by: _____

Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager

Date: _____

Town of Mansfield

Classification and Pay Plan

Pay Grade for Natural Resources & Sustainability Coordinator

Title	Grade	Skill	Training	Experience	Level	HR	Physical	Conditions	Independ	Impact	Supervision	Total
Natural Resources & Sustainability Coordinator	18	5	80	40	60	50	10	10	60	.70	5	385
Zoning Enforcement Officer	P/T	5	80	40	60	30	10	5	60	60	0	345
Budget Analyst	18	5	80	40	60	40	0	0	50	80	0	350
Librarian	18	5	120	40	60	30	10	0	50	50	15	375
Network Administrator	18	5	80	80	80	15	10	0	60	60	0	385

Recommendation:

Natural Resources & Sustainability Coordinator, NU GR 18, Salary Range \$52,980-\$68,873

March 13, 2012

Salary Comparison for Town of Mansfield
Natural Resources & Sustainability Coordinator

Town	Population	Title	Hrs Per Week	Weeks/ Yr	Annual Min	Annual Max	Hourly Min	Hourly Max
MANSFIELD	26,685	Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator	35	52.2	\$52,980.00	\$68,873.00	\$29.00	\$37.70
Avon	18,145	Planning & Community Development Specialist	37.5	52	\$59,000.00	\$82,550.00	\$30.26	\$42.33
		Assistant to Town Planner	37.5	52	\$47,910.00	\$67,340.00	\$24.57	\$34.53
Farmington	25,368	Assistant Town Planner	35	52	\$62,649.00	\$80,395.00	\$34.42	\$44.17
Glastonbury	34,467	Planning Specialist	40	52.2	\$55,798.00	\$69,801.00	\$26.72	\$33.43
Manchester	58,354	Senior Planner	37.5	52.2	\$51,323.23	\$65,825.35	\$26.22	\$33.63
		Environmental Planner/Wetland Agent	37.5	52.2	\$48,116.00	\$61,711.56	\$24.58	\$31.53
So. Windsor	25,751	Park Superintendent	40	52	\$49,664.00	\$79,300.00	\$23.88	\$38.13
West Hartford	62,000	Associate Planner	35	52.2	\$60,502.00	\$74,724.00	\$33.12	\$40.90
		Leisure Services Manager	35	52.2	\$73,164.00	\$92,222.00	\$40.04	\$50.48
Wethersfield	26,695	Parks and Ground Supervisor	37.5	52	\$69,821.00	\$78,630.00	\$35.81	\$40.32
		Assistant Town Planner	37.5	52	\$63,330.00	\$71,320.00	\$32.47	\$36.57
Windsor	29,014	Assistant Town Planner	40	52.2	\$38,115.00	\$76,860.00	\$18.25	\$36.81
Average	34,053		37.31	52.11	\$56,336.33	\$74,580.92	\$29.18	\$38.50
Median	26,695		37.5	52.2	\$55,798.00	\$74,724.00	\$29.00	\$37.70

Population Source: CT Department of Public Health

Note: New London & Plainville were surveyed but do not have comparable positions in their organizations.



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to the Town Manager
Date: April 23, 2012
Re: Appointment to Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors

Subject Matter/Background

As you know, Deputy Mayor Antonia Moran was appointed by the Council in January 2011 to serve out the remainder of State Representative Haddad's term on the Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors. Deputy Mayor Moran's term will expire on June 30, 2012 and it is her wish to continue to serve on the Board for another term, which would run through June 30, 2015. If appointed, Deputy Mayor Moran would continue to serve on the Board with Mayor Paterson, Councilor Paulhus and me as the Town's representatives.

Recommendation

The following motion is suggested for your consideration:

Move, to appoint Deputy Mayor Antonia Moran to the Board of Directors of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, for a term commencing on July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2015.

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RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – October 26, 2011 (approved Jan. 25, 2012)

ATTENDING: Terry Cook, Sheldon Dyer, Don Field, Michael Gerald, Howard Raphaelson,
Anne Rash
STAFF: Jay O'Keefe, Curt Vincente
GUESTS: Joanne and Tom Brita (TTYFCA), Kim Ewalt (WAM)

- A. Call to Order – Chairman S. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
- B. Approval of Minutes – H. Raphaelson moved and A. Rash seconded that the minutes from the August 17, 2011 meeting be approved and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Co-Sponsorship Application Reviews – J. O'Keefe gave a brief update in the status of the three co-sponsored groups. Joanne and Tom Brita from the Tri-Town Youth Football and Cheerleading Association (TTYFCA) gave a brief update on the status of the TTYFCA program. The NCFL mandated that TTYFCA merge with Coventry due to low registration in one age division. TTYFCA plans to re-establish the program with another league in the future. The TTYFCA Co-Sponsorship application review will be tabled until the spring. Kim Ewalt presented the Willington, Ashford, Mansfield (WAM) Youth Soccer Association application for Co-Sponsorship renewal. After discussion and review, H. Raphaelson moved and M. Gerald seconded that the WAM Co-Sponsorship be approved for the coming year. So passed unanimously. Mansfield Little League representatives were not able to attend the meeting so their Co-Sponsorship renewal will be addressed at a future meeting.
- D. Old Business – C. Vincente gave a brief update on membership, facility usage and discussed current marketing campaigns. A discussion on the fee recommendations was held. After a lengthy discussion, RAC members noted the pros and cons of the recommendations and there was unanimous support to send the recommendations on to the Town Council. C. Vincente noted that staff has researched potential cost saving measures, including slight reductions in operating hours on weekends. Following discussion, RAC members supported the plan to reduced hours at low use times on weekends. Staff will solicit feedback from the membership at two open forums in November. Brief updates were given by staff on Southeast Park, Skate Park and Lions Memorial Park.
- D. Correspondence – Letter from Pat Hemple was acknowledged.
- F. New Business – J. O'Keefe provided a brief report on Summer programs, gave an update on Fall programs and presented a preview of Winter programs. C. Vincente noted the activities of a new Playground Committee, which is looking to raise funds to install a playground on the Community Center site.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, March 19, 2012
Conference Room B, Audrey Beck Municipal Building
Minutes**

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Toni Moran (Chair), Denise Keane, Paul Shapiro

Other Council Members Present: Mayor Elizabeth Paterson, Peter Kochenburger

Staff Present: Matt Hart, Town Manager, Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager, David Dagon, Fire Chief, Dennis O'Brien, Town Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 6:02p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike Road. Spoke in regards to the draft Ethics Code, particularly 25-7C(1) and 25-7G. Also spoke to DPW use of equipment and reclassification of non-union position.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road. Spoke in regards to the draft Ethics Code, gift provisions, financial disclosure, whistleblower protection, and 25-3 use of the phrase "personal gain."

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road. Spoke in regards to the draft Ethics Code, specificity of the use of the terms "consultants"/"contractors", body of evidence, and damages.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of 3/1/12 were moved as presented by Shapiro and seconded by Keane. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

3. RECLASSIFICATION OF NONUNION POSITIONS

Capriola, Dagon and Hart provided an overview of the classification analysis conducted for the Chief's administrative support position. Shapiro made the motion, seconded by Keane to, "Move, effective March 19, 2012, to endorse creating the classification of Administrative Analyst and setting the pay grade for the Administrative Analyst position at grade 12, salary range of \$22.17/hr-\$28.21/hr, of the town administrators pay plan." The motion passed with Moran and Shapiro voting in favor and Keane opposed.

Capriola provided an oral report on the reclassification review being conducted for the Parks and Sustainability Coordinator position. A recommendation and materials will be provided for the April meeting.

4. ETHICS CODE

No action was taken on the draft version of the Code since the Committee has not yet received a response from the Mansfield Board of Education (re: the referral on Code applicability to BOE employees). Various items were flagged for discussion at a future meeting:

- Recommendations from Council member Kochenburger
- Gift limit/value of gifts
- Body of evidence (25-8F)/rules of procedure
- 25-7C(2) as it pertains to MDP Board members disclosing potential conflicts of interest
- "Personal gain" used in 25-3

5. TOWN MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW PROCESS

Moran discussed (sample) performance review instruments utilized for the CEO's of the Girl Scouts of America and the CT Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. She will distribute copies to the Committee. This item will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, M.P.A.
Assistant to Town Manager

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
March 8, 2012
Minutes

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

Absent: Carrie Silver-Bernstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Kelly Brouse, Mansfield Middle School Enrichment teacher and UConn interns discussed History Day. Students Mira Gordin, Laura Blum, Jon Huang, Owen Elphick, and Geoff Russell presented their projects.

Ms. Silver-Bernstein arrived at 7:52pm.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: The Mansfield Suzuki Association invited the Board to attend the Mark Woods concert on March 17, 2012. Letter was received from Elyse Poller and Jenn McMunn regarding 2012-2013 school year calendar.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

REPRESENTATIVE HADDAD: Due to an unexpected conflict, Representative Haddad did not address the Board. He will at its April 12th meeting.

SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Mr. Baruzzi presented information from CABA regarding Boards of Education's ability to disseminate information to the public when a referendum on a school construction project is pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC): Kathleen Krider, Early Childhood Services Coordinator, discussed MAC and the services it provides.
- Quarterly Financial Report: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Matthews to accept the December 31, 2011 Quarterly Financial Statements. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- MMS VEX Robotics Team School Trip Request: MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve the request for the Robotics Team to the Championship Tournament in Anaheim, California. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- 2010-2011 Strategic School Profile: Mr. Baruzzi and administrators answered Board members questions regarding this report.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: One new project was reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no significant change in enrollment.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded Mr. Rueckl that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of March 8, 2012 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 8, 2012 Board meeting.
That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Sophia Donforth, Grade 7 teacher at Mansfield Middle School, effective June 30, 2012.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mr. Rueckl requested information on the Enrichment program.

MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Holinko to adjourn at 9:22pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor
Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
Town Hall, Conference Room B
Thursday, February 2, 2012**

3:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Chair Philip Lodewick, Steve Bacon, Honey Birkenruth, Betsy Paterson, and Steve Rogers

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm, Lee Cole-Chu

1. Call to Order

Chair Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 5, 2012

Steve Bacon made a motion to approve the January 5, 2012 minutes. The motion was seconded by Honey Birkenruth. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of Board Members' Terms

Cynthia van Zelm reviewed the status of Board members' terms for appointed and elected positions.

After discussion by the Committee, Mr. Lodewick said that he will follow-up with Harry Birkenruth and Dennis Heffley to see if they would like to serve another term. Mr. Lodewick will also follow-up with a potential new member of the Board who would be on the ballot for election at the Annual Meeting in June.

4. Discussion of Executive Committee Position

Mr. Lodewick will follow-up with Board member Frank McNabb to ascertain if he would like to serve in the At-Large position on the Executive Committee.

5. Review of Conflict of Interest Policy and Other Potential Bylaws Changes

Ms. van Zelm reviewed the proposed changes to the Bylaws with the main emphasis being on changes to the conflict of interest policy. In Article I, the principal office was changed to 4 South Eagleville Road to reflect the move in

office to the Town Hall in late May 2011. In Article V, the hyphen between "ex" and "officio" was deleted to be consistent with the rest of the Bylaws. In Article VI, Section 1, the Mayor "may" be entitled to appoint one member ... was changed to "shall,"; a comma was deleted after Treasurer; last sentence in this Section was changed to "If at any time the foregoing provisions of this section do not fill all eight seats on the Executive Committee...from the eight seats.

The main changes in the conflict of interest policy were to add committee members to be covered under the conflict of interest policy and to add that the Partnership's Board, committee members, and staff, when overseeing the construction or improvement of any Town facility or otherwise, when acting as a municipal development agent for the Town, would comply with the Town of Mansfield's Code of Ethics.

The Committee approved by consensus the following changes to bring to the Board of Directors for its consideration at its next meeting:

BYLAWS
of
MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, INC.

ARTICLE I

PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

Section 1. Principal Office. The principal office of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership shall be at 4 South Eagleville Road, Town of Mansfield, Connecticut or such other location as the Board of Directors may approve from time to time. Except such books as may be kept by the Town of Mansfield at Mansfield Town Hall, books and records of the Partnership shall be accessible from the Principal Office.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. Number of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Partnership shall consist of up to nineteen members as described in this section. Three directors shall be appointed by the President of the University of Connecticut. Three directors shall be appointed by the Town Council of Mansfield, Connecticut. Three directors shall be appointed by the Mansfield Business and Professional Association. Three directors shall be *ex officio* with full voting powers, the Mayor of the Town of Mansfield (or the Mayor's designee); the President of the University of Connecticut (or the President's designee in addition to the President's appointed Directors); and the Chairperson of the Mansfield Business and Professional Association Executive Committee. Six directors shall be elected by the Partnership's members. One Director shall be an enrolled student at the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus (undergraduate or graduate, full-time or part-time) nominated by the Nominating Committee (see Article VI, Sec. 3) and appointed by the Board of Directors. The Partnership may, by amendment to these bylaws, either increase

or decrease the number of Directors.

Section 3. Qualifications of Directors. All Directors shall be at least 18 years old and individual members of the Partnership in good standing.

Section 4. Term of Office. Each Director's term shall be three years, except that *ex officio* Directors' terms shall only end when they leave their respective offices and the term of the University of Connecticut student Director shall be one year from the date of appointment by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 2 of this Article V. With the exception of *ex officio* Directors and the University of Connecticut student Director, Directors' terms of office shall be staggered so that one third of the terms expire each year. In addition to any shorter terms, no Director elected by the members may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee.

(a) Composition. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, the membership of which shall not exceed eight in number. Five of the members of the Executive Committee shall be the Partnership's President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and the Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, *ex officio*. If the Mayor of the Town of Mansfield is not one of the five *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee, the Mayor shall be entitled to appoint one member of the Executive Committee (who may be the Mayor himself or herself) to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. If the President of the University of Connecticut is not one of the five *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee, the President shall be entitled to appoint one member of the Executive Committee (who may be the President himself or herself) to serve at the pleasure of the President. There shall be one member-at-large, who shall be nominated by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. If at any time the foregoing provisions of this section do not fill all eight seats on the Executive Committee, any vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

EXHIBIT A

MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, INC. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

1. A conflict of interest may exist if a member of the Partnership's Board of Directors or of any Partnership committee, or a member of his/her immediate family, has a relationship with another person who, or organization which, does or seeks to do business with the Partnership as a developer, contractor, vendor, or otherwise; or who or which reasonably could benefit in a way different from general public benefit from a decision of, or from an action taken by, the Partnership. Partnership Board and committee members shall disclose all activities that might be reasonably seen as conflicts

of interest within the meaning of the preceding sentence whenever a possible conflict appears, and annually thereafter so long as the facts creating the possible conflict exist.

In order that each decision of the Partnership's Board and committees shall be the decision only of Board or committee members who are free of conflicts of interest pertinent to the decision, the following procedures shall be followed:

- a. Every Partnership Board or committee member, immediately upon identifying a possible conflict or having the same called to his/her attention, shall disclose to the Board or the committee, as the case may be, having responsibility for making the decision at hand all essential facts pertaining to the possible conflict. (Such disclosure shall not, *per se*, constitute an admission that a conflict exists.)
 - b. Unless the remaining Board or committee members, by vote recorded in the minutes of the meeting in which the vote occurs, unanimously determine that a conflict of interest does not exist, the subject Board member shall avoid any attempt to influence other Board or committee members, or Partnership employees, directly or indirectly, with regard to the matter at hand and shall absent himself/herself from the discussion and vote on the matter.
 - c. Whenever the Partnership, by its Board or any committee, officer or employee, is overseeing the construction or improvement of any Town of Mansfield facility, or otherwise acting as municipal development agency for the Town of Mansfield, each Board or committee member, officer and employee shall comply with the Town of Mansfield Code of Ethics (Mansfield Code Ch. 25), as amended from time to time.
 - d. Failure to comply with the above policy shall be grounds for removal from office.
2. Every Partnership decision to enter into any contract shall be presumed to be free of influence of any conflict of interest, *i.e.*, proper and fair to the Partnership and the public interest, if it is made in the ordinary course of business on terms no less favorable to the Partnership than those offered by the contractor(s) to third parties.

Ms. van Zelm said there has also been some discussion of combining some committees which would be a Bylaws change but if changes were recommended, they would come after the Partnership's strategic planning process.

6. Annual Meeting

The Committee discussed a speaker for the annual meeting in June. Mr. Lodewick will invite Governor Malloy, Secretary of State Denise Merrill, Congressman Joe Courtney, and President Herbst to make remarks at the annual meeting.

7. Adjourn

Ms. Paterson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm

MANSFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2012

Chairman Gotch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

Present: Members – Accorsi, Gotch, Katz, Pellegrine, Welch

Alternate – Brosseau, Clauson, Scruggs

COLIN MARTIN – 7:00 P.M

To hear comments on the application of Colin Martin for a Variance of Art VIII A to construct a 12' x 16' x 16' high storage shed, 6' from the property line where 15' is required at 17 Thornbush Rd.

Mr. Martin built a 12' x 16' storage shed and has placed it 6' from his property line where 15' is required. He was unaware that he needed to obtain a building permit. He has a corner lot which made it difficult to find a location for the shed. He did not want to put it in the middle of his back yard where it would block his view of his children and create a safety hazard. He also didn't want to put it in the area the health department designated as a second septic area, to be used in the event the existing septic system fails. He is planning an addition to his house and possibly an addition to the garage sometime in the future. The shingles and roof pitch of the shed matches the house. His stated hardship is the location of the secondary septic system area and the safety of his children.

A Neighborhood Opinion Sheet was received, showing no objections from abutters and neighbors.

BUSINESS MEETING

Pellegrine made a motion to approve the application of Colin Martin for a Variance of Art VIII A to construct a 12' x 16' x 16' high storage shed, 6' from the property line where 15' is required at 17 Thornbush Rd, as shown on submitted plan.

In favor of approving application: Katz, Welch

Opposed to approving application: Accorsi, Gotch, Pellegrine

Reasons for voting in favor of application:

- Topography
- Location of reserve septic area
- Aesthetically pleasing

Reasons for voting to oppose application:

- Shed is too close to property line
- There are other possible locations for shed
- No demonstrated hardship

Application was denied.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2011

Pellegrine moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2011 as presented, seconded by Accorsi. All in favor.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Pellegrine nominated Welch as vice-chairman of ZBA, seconded by Accorsi. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Accorsi, Secretary



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
Thursday, March 8, 2012
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Conference Room C

6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Chair Carl Schaefer called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
Present- Keane, Lindsey, Schaefer, Moran
Also Present: Dennis O'Brien (Town Attorney) Members of the Agriculture Committee: Charlie Galgowski, Al Cyr, Kathleen Paterson, Vicky Wetherell. Staff: Jennifer Kaufman
- II. New Business
 - a. Right to Farm Ordinance and Municipal Tax Incentives for Farms
 - **Right to Farm (RTF) Ordinance**- The subcommittee discussed the Draft RTF- O'Brien stated that the ordinance mirrors the state Right to Farm Statute (CGS section 19a-341). Members of the Agriculture Committee explained that, while the state has a Right to Farm Statute, a local ordinance documents the importance of farming locally and may help protect farming operations by discouraging nuisance law suits. The subcommittee was generally in favor of the ordinance but would like to refer it to the Conservation Commission for input. *Moran motioned to refer the Draft RTF ordinance to the Conservation Commission for comment. Lindsey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - **Farm Machinery** – The state allows exemption for up to \$100,000 of assessed value for farm machinery and tools. Municipalities may vote to provide an *additional* exemption for farm machinery of up to \$100,000 in assessed value (CGS § 12-91b). The assessor calculates the amount of exemption. This ordinance requires that the applicant provide an affidavit certifying that the farm business derived at least \$15,000 in gross sales or incurred at least \$15,000 in expenses. After discussion and input from the Agriculture Committee, the committee was generally in favor of this exemption. Keane stated that while, currently no farms would qualify for the additional \$100,000 beyond what the state allows, this exemption may encourage some farmers to invest in their business and purchase additional machinery. *Keane moved to send the farm machinery ordinance to the Town Council for consideration. Moran seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - **Farm Buildings and Structures** –Municipalities have the option to provide an exemption from property tax for any building used exclusively for farming or that provides housing for seasonal employees, up to a value of \$100,000 per building (CGS § 12-91c). The assessor calculates the

amount of exemption. Note that temporary structures, such as hoop houses, are exempt under state statute (CGS § 12-81). This ordinance requires that the applicant provide an affidavit certifying that the farm business derived at least \$15,000 in gross sales or incurred at least \$15,000 in expenses. Kaufman explained that the exemption was for buildings used "actually and exclusively for farming." *Keane moved to send the farm buildings exemption ordinance to the Town Council for consideration. Lindsey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

- **Farm Property Tax Abatement** – A municipality may reduce property taxes on farm businesses pursuant to CGS § 12-81m. This provision allows towns to abate up to 50 percent of the property taxes for several types of farm businesses, including dairy farms, fruit orchards, vineyards, vegetable farms, nurseries, tobacco farms, commercial lobstering businesses operated on maritime heritage land, and any farm that employs nontraditional farming methods, such as hydroponic farming. State law also allows municipalities to recapture abated taxes if the property is sold, provided such recapture shall not exceed the original amount of taxes abated and may not go back further than ten years. The tax collector calculates the amount of abatement. The subcommittee would like Attorney O'Brien to clarify the following:
 1. *Whether the ordinance could incorporate clear standards and guidelines for the assessor to determine which farms would qualify.*
 2. *Why the ordinance differentiates between farmers who own vs lease a property, abatement is different*
 3. *If we can add the 15K threshold as in the building and machinery exemption as a requisite for farms to qualify.*
 4. *Determine whether the abatement can be renewed after five years.*

The Committee would like to meet in a few weeks with Attorney O'Brien to determine if the abatement ordinance could be revised to clarify the above points.

III. Public Comment-None

IV. Next Meeting Date-Jennifer will coordinate with Sara-Ann to schedule a meeting. Thursdays at 6 pm seemed to work for the group.

V. Adjourn-Keane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05. Lindsey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

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

**Special Meeting
November 28, 2011
5:00 PM
Mansfield Town Hall
Conference Room B**

Minutes

Present: Roger Adams, Curt Hirsch, Marty Hirschorn, Steve Rogers, Rene Schein, Brain Wells

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

Guest: Howard Kaufman, LeylandAlliance

1. Call to Order

Steve Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2011 and April 12, 2011

Rene Schein made a motion to approve the March 2, 2011 minutes. Curt Hirsch seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Ms. Schein made a motion to approve the April 12, 2011 minutes. Mr. Hirsch seconded the motion. Brian Wells abstained. The minutes were approved.

Howard Kaufman with LeylandAlliance joined the meeting by telephone.

Ms. Schein made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, particularly Connecticut General Statutes sections 1-200 (6) (E) and 1-210 (b) (5), to receive commercial or financial information not required by statute and given in confidence by the Storrs Center Master Developer's representatives. Roger Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Present: Mr. Adams, Mr. Hirsch, Mr. Hirschorn, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Schein, and Mr. Wells

Also Present: Ms. van Zelm; Mr. Kaufman by phone

5. Update on Relocation

Ms. van Zelm said that the Partnership's relocation consultant Phil Michalowski has increased his activity and has met with several of the businesses that will relocate. He will continue to work with businesses on their relocation plans and relocation claims.

6. Update on Outreach and Promotion of Current Businesses

Ms. van Zelm noted that the Partnership has been working on a few initiatives that will promote the current businesses that will be affected by relocation. A sign will be ready next week to be placed on the 1254 Storrs Road building that indicates that businesses are open during construction.

The Partnership is also preparing business profiles to be placed on its construction web page of the current businesses. A profile has been done for Storrs Automotive and more are to follow.

Ms. van Zelm said the Partnership also worked with the Town's Planning and Development and Town Manager's offices to develop a "Local First Mansfield" campaign which kicked off on Saturday. An informational meeting was held last week at the Mansfield General Store. Several businesses have signed up to participate. The program includes a voluntary incentive program whereby businesses draw a name of a customer to receive a prize at the end of the program (in January).

Mr. Wells said that the Nathan Hale includes the UConn magazine, Connecticut magazine, and the Windham Chamber of Commerce Visitors Guide in its rooms. These publications may be good places to advertise for Storrs Center.

7. Future Meetings

The Committee agreed to meet on February 16, 2012 at 5 pm.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Council Chambers, Audrey Beck Municipal Building

Minutes

Present: P. Barry, M. Hart, J. Hintz, R. Orr, A. Moran (*on behalf of Mayor Paterson*), C. Paulhus, J. Saddlemire, N. Silander, W. Simpson, W. Wendt

Staff: C. van Zelm (*MDP*); L. Painter, M. Capriola (*Town*); K. Price, A. Roe (*UConn*)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

2. February 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Silander made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Barry. The minutes were approved as presented with Deputy Mayor Moran abstaining and no objections.

3. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: van Zelm provided an apartment and commercial leasing update. 2 commercial leases have been signed since the last Committee meeting and over 75% of the apartments have been leased. A Storrs Road construction update was also provided.

b. *Mansfield Community Campus Partnership*: Silander and Hintz provided an update of MCCP activities including the Healthy Campus Grant Initiative, Recycling Initiative at Celeron and Hunting Lodge Apartments, and planned spring door-to-door visits. Hintz distributed recent press coverage of MCCP activities and initiatives.

4. UConn Hazardous Materials Facility

Orr provided an overview of the environmental impact evaluation (EIE) of current and potential sites for the Hazardous Materials Facility. The statutorily required EIE process is expected to take 9-12 months and will provide public comment opportunities. The EIE will be conducted by consultants not affiliated with the University. The facility stores ordinary waste materials commonly found at research universities before it is transported to a permanent storage location. Medical and biological waste is removed weekly, chemical waste is removed every 90 days, and low level radioactive material is removed once a year. Ken Price, UConn's Director of Health and Safety, was available to answer questions of Committee members.

5. Off-Campus Parties and Related Activity

Hart, Saddlemire, and Hintz provided an update. Operations' planning is well underway by the Town, University, and Connecticut State Police (CSP). Restrictions (i.e. parking restrictions, no guest policy in dorms, etc.) used last year will be utilized again this year. Many landlords/apartment complexes are assisting with efforts by issuing orders of no-trespass that can be enforced by UConn PD and CSP. X Lot is now privately owned; it is anticipated that the current owners will re-issue an order of no-trespass.

6. Other Business/Announcements

None.

7. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

Tulay Luciano, Warrenville Road, Mansfield. Spoke to concerns regarding the Hazardous Materials Facility.

Sandy Pliskin, Pomfret. Spoke to concerns regarding the Hazardous Materials Facility site location and the importance of safe drinking water.

Pat Suprenant, Gurleyville Road, Mansfield. Had questions regarding the Hazardous Materials Facility. Based on Alfred University initiatives, she offered suggestions to the University re: Spring Weekend.

Quentin Kessel, Codfish Falls Road, Mansfield. Spoke to site location of the Hazardous Materials Facility, watershed issues, and his participation in the 2003-2004 EIE Steering Committee experience.

Jean de Smet, Willimantic. Spoke to site location of the Hazardous Materials Facility and advocated for UCONN and the State to not be involved with conducting the EIE.

8. Adjournment

Paulhus made the motion, seconded by Silander, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Capriola, M.P.A.
Assistant to Town Manager, Town of Mansfield

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 06 March 2012
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Blanche Serban, Joe Tomanelli. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).
2. The draft minutes of the 07 February 2012 meeting were approved as written.
3. **Membership.** Jay reported that Anke Finger is interested in joining the Committee; her name will be submitted to the Town Council.
4. **Storrs Center.** Kim reported that Christopher Levesque of the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation will meet at lunch on 20 March with anyone interested in **co-op art gallery in Storrs Center.** Tom & Scott indicated that they could probably attend; Kim will e-mail the Committee about this. It would be good to have some local artists there who are enthusiastic about an arts presence in Storrs Center, if any can be identified.
5. **MCC exhibits.**
 - a. No new applications have been received.
 - b. Is the exhibit of **Mansfield School Art** going to happen? At the last meeting, Blanche seemed confident that it will go up, but April 15 is not that far off.
 - c. Jay provided a **site-map to information about art exhibits** on the Parks & Recreation Dept. website. Information about current exhibits at the MCC is under "Events" on the Parks and Rec home page. To access the exhibit application form, click on "Forms, Maps, & Schedules" (upper left), then on "Application to Exhibit Art" under "Forms".
 - d. To clarify use of the **exhibit application form**, a cover page should be added with routing instructions: (1) to exhibit at the MCC, submit the form to Jay; (2) to exhibit at the Mansfield Library, secure the Librarian's approval and then submit the form to Jay; (3) to exhibit at the Senior Center, apply to its Committee, (4) to exhibit at some other town building (many of which do not have installed hardware to hang art), first meet with the Committee to explain what you have in mind. The form itself could then be slightly modified with (say) boxes to check for the proposed venue and display period.
 - e. Kim suggested giving artists the **option of exhibiting for only 1.5 months**, since some artists have expressed reluctance to commit their works for 3 months. There was general agreement that this would be OK. The application form should be modified to include this option. {We now have two *de facto* exhibit periods of this length: Apr 15 – May 31 (School Art) and Aug 27 – Oct 14.}

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
15 Jan – 14 Apr	<i>Kenneth Dubay</i> (wooden bowls)		<i>Jan Geoghegan</i> (encaustic & mixed media)			
15 Apr – 31 May	<i>Mansfield School Art?</i>					
01 Jun – 17 Aug	<i>Quiet Corner Photo Club</i> (Joshua Trust photos)				<i>Quiet Corner Photo Club</i> (Joshua Trust photos)	
27 Aug – 14 Oct	Festival on the Green advertising & Art Show winners				<i>DSS Have a Heart?</i> (photos of adoptable kids)	
15 Oct – 14 Jan					<i>Jim Gabianelli</i> (machine art)	

6. **Adjourned** at 7:30p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 03 April 2012. Hias Tomazos from the Greek Orthodox Church has indicated that he will attend to discuss use of the not-yet-completed Greek Theatre on Dog Lane; David will remind him.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 09 March 2012; approved 03 April 2012.



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, MARCH 7, 2012

Minutes

Members Present: K. Grunwald (staff), K. Krider (staff), J. Woodmansee (staff), G. Bent, J. Stoughton, F. Baruzzi (in at 5:37pm), M. LaPlaca (in at 5:53pm) R. LeClerc, J. Goldman, J. Higham, V. Fry, E. Soffer Roberts (in at 5:37pm), S. Anderson, P. Braithwaite, MJ Newman, C. Guerreri, E. Tullman, Y. Kim and J. Suedmeyer (5:35pm)

ITEM	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
Call to Order	J. Stoughton called the meeting to order at 6:37pm	
Consent Agenda	Approval of Minutes from the February 1, 2012 and the February 11, 2012 Special Meeting/Retreat.	<i>Motion:</i> <i>J. Higham moves to approve the 2/1/12 and the 2/11/12 Minutes as written. V. Fry seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i>
New Business	<p><i>Retreat Overview</i> – Members discussed the Retreat. K. Grunwald noted that there should be time scheduled to re-visit the Retreat in detail.</p> <p><i>Affirm Results Statement and Indicators</i> - G. Bent noted that the indicators were affirmed at the Retreat with some minor revisions but that the result statement was not.</p> <p>G. Bent proposes that MAC affirm the results statement “All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners connected to the community.”</p> <p><i>Adjust Time frames for MAC</i></p> <p>G. Bent asked to continue the discussion which began during the Rereat regarding the MAC monthly meeting structure. It was briefly discussed during the Retreat that the meetings could be restructured to start the meeting with the full collaborative which would then lead to directions/charges for the work groups and the work groups (or teams, whichever if appropriate depending on the tasks) would meet immediately following the full collaborative.</p> <p>After brief discussion G. Bent proposes that beginning in April there be a “soft” start for the meeting from 5:00 to 5:30 and a “hard” start for the full collaborative at 5:30pm. The exact time to begin the work group meetings will be determined when the full collaborative business is concluded.</p> <p><i>Proposal Presentations</i></p> <p>K. Krider reviewed the following proposals which are designed to have both high alignment and high action:</p>	<p>Members of MAC unanimously affirmed the results statement.</p> <p>Members of MAC affirmed G. Bent’s proposal regarding restructuring the meeting time.</p>

	<p>1. <i>Convene a small work group to improve transportation options for families with young children to support health, successful learning and community connectedness.</i> This proposal relates to Strategies # 7 (from Mansfield's Plan for Young Children, 2009) in that it can improve transportation options to make key community locations accessible. Action steps include: to collect data on residents of Helinko Estates, etc, to determine transportation needs of families with children ages 0-8; collaborate with WRTD to pilot weekly bus routes from identified areas to key locations; and, identify performance measures/collect data/evaluate impact and need. Volunteers for this work group include K. Grunwald, Y. Kim and V. Fry.</p> <p>2. <i>Convene a work group to plan and implement a selected book project to promote health, successful learning and community connectedness in children aged 0-5 and their families.</i> This proposal relates to Strategies #2 & # 4 (from Mansfield's Plan for Young Children, 2009) in that it can promote wellness and prevent illness in children 0-8 and their families and raise and improve literacy skills in the community. Action steps for this proposal include: select a book; establish a time frame for planning and implementation; engage local businesses and entities in supporting the project (library, UConn Co-op, Faith Communities, area health care providers, Farmers Market, CSAs, etc.; solicit participation of all early care providers in a common project. (Mansfield Public Schools pre-schools, town early care centers, Montessori Schools, home day care providers); and, identify additional performance measures and collect data. Volunteers for this work group include E. Soffer Roberts, J. Goldman, E. Tullman, MJ Newman, J. Stoughton and P. Braithwaite.</p> <p>3. <i>A small group be formed that includes the MAC Coordinator and a paid consultant to rewrite and update MAC's Plan for Young Children.</i> Action steps relating to this proposal include to: identify a consultant to work with us; collect new data from Teams; revise and collect new MOU's; and, a thorough edit of every page of the document. Members discussed if this proposal might lead to a necessary re-write of the Bylaws and a new leadership structure. It was agreed that the Executive Council will discuss the structure of MAC at their next meeting. K. Grunwald noted that the Plan revision cannot wait.</p>	<p>Members of MAC affirmed the proposal regarding the transportation project (J. Suedmeyer abstained from voting).</p> <p>Members of MAC affirmed the proposal regarding the book project (J. Suedmeyer abstained from voting)</p> <p>Members of MAC affirmed the proposal regarding Plan revision.</p>
Team Updates	<p>K. Krider reported that A. Bloom has accepted a position at Yale. All agreed that Ande will be missed by MAC.</p> <p>MJ Newman reported that on Friday, March 9th she will attend a workshop regarding the Kindergarten Assessment.</p> <p>C. Guerrieri reported that the GMF grant application will be sent out in the next week.</p>	

	S. Anderson reported that the Playground Committee will meet on Thursday, March 8 th from 7:00 to 9:00 and that a UConn student who has been working on site development will do a presentation.	
To Do List	K Krider explained that we will be including a to do list as a regular Agenda item.	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 5:00pm – 6:30pm for Team Meetings and 6:30pm – 7:30pm for full meeting.</p> <p>Next Executive Council meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 1:15pm – 2:45pm at Town Hall in Conference Room B</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Jillene B. Woodmansee Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

“All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners connected to the community.”

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As residents of Willowbrook Road and adjoining streets, we want to express our deep concern over the potential traffic impact of the new parking garage that is part of the Storrs Center development.

Our specific goal is to make sure that the project does not have an adverse impact on our residential neighborhood—one that includes many families with young children and many senior citizens. For all of us, and many other members of the community, Willowbrook Road is a place for walking, jogging, bicycling, and children at play. We want these activities to continue in safety.

We respectfully ask the Town Council and, specifically, the Special Traffic Authority of the Town of Mansfield to consider and ultimately adopt one of several proposals designed to limit potential additional automobile traffic on Willowbrook Road. The proposals, in summary form, are attached, along with the results of an informal study of traffic patterns and other background information.

We appreciate your attention and concern.

Name	Address
Jackie Soroka	31 Willowbrook
Jim Suka	31 Willowbrook
Colby Soroka	31 Willowbrook
Jackie Soroka	31 Willowbrook
Max Soroka	31 Willowbrook
Paulletti Marie	24 Willowbrook Rd Storrs
MARIONA Bell	24 Willowbrook Rd.
Brook Be 1	4
Barbara	34 Willowbrook Rd
Dolly Smith	39 Willowbrook Rd
Sara Cushman	39 Willowbrook Rd
Michael LoTusco	19 Oakhill
Elizabeth N. Morris	59 Willowbrook Rd
ASB	57 Willowbrook Rd

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Name	Address
Catherine Edwight	64 Willowbrook Rd Storrs CT
Dealy W Edwight	64 Willowbrook Rd
Susan Susan Samuel	67 Willowbrook Rd., Storrs, CT
Rajee Pareel	67 Willowbrook Rd., Storrs, CT
Patricia Ryan	58 Willowbrook Rd Storrs CT
George F. F. F.	85 Willowbrook Rd. Storrs CT
Jennifer Dowden	85 Willowbrook Rd. Storrs CT
Ann Sorok	- my 5 grandchildren live Willowbrook
Jamie Pociask	34 Willowbrook Rd. Storrs, CT
Tina McCarthy	82 Willowbrook Rd Storrs CT
Paul McCarthy	82 Willowbrook Rd Storrs CT
Ronald Schum	25 Willowbrook Rd. Storrs, ct.
Cathy M. O'Brien	19 Oakhill Rd. Storrs, CT
Therese L. Byrne	57 Willowbrook Rd Storrs, CT

Willowbrook Road is ill-suited for a high volume of traffic because

1) Many pedestrians use Willowbrook Road

- Children playing (14 school-aged kids live in neighborhood)
- Senior citizens walking (five live in neighborhood)
- Students and staff from UConn, walking or jogging
- Dog walkers
- Willowbrook residents walking to campus or to downtown
- E.O. Smith students from Willowbrook and Gurleyville

2) Willowbrook Road is not equipped to handle more traffic

- It has several points of limited visibility and sharp turns, as identified in Appendix A
- It's a rather narrow road
- It has no sidewalks
- In winter, snowbanks line the road, further narrowing it

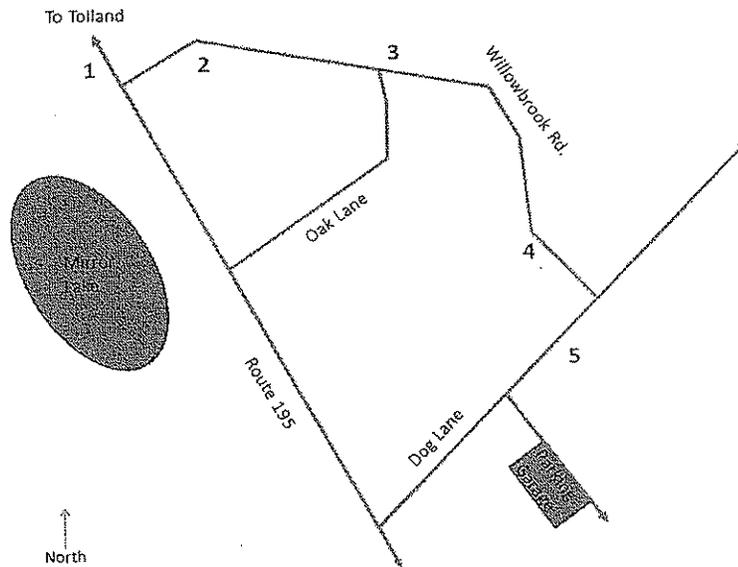
3) An increase in traffic will substantially change the residential feel of the neighborhood.

- As has happened on North Hunting Lodge Road

The Downtown Project will dramatically increase the amount of traffic on Willowbrook Road

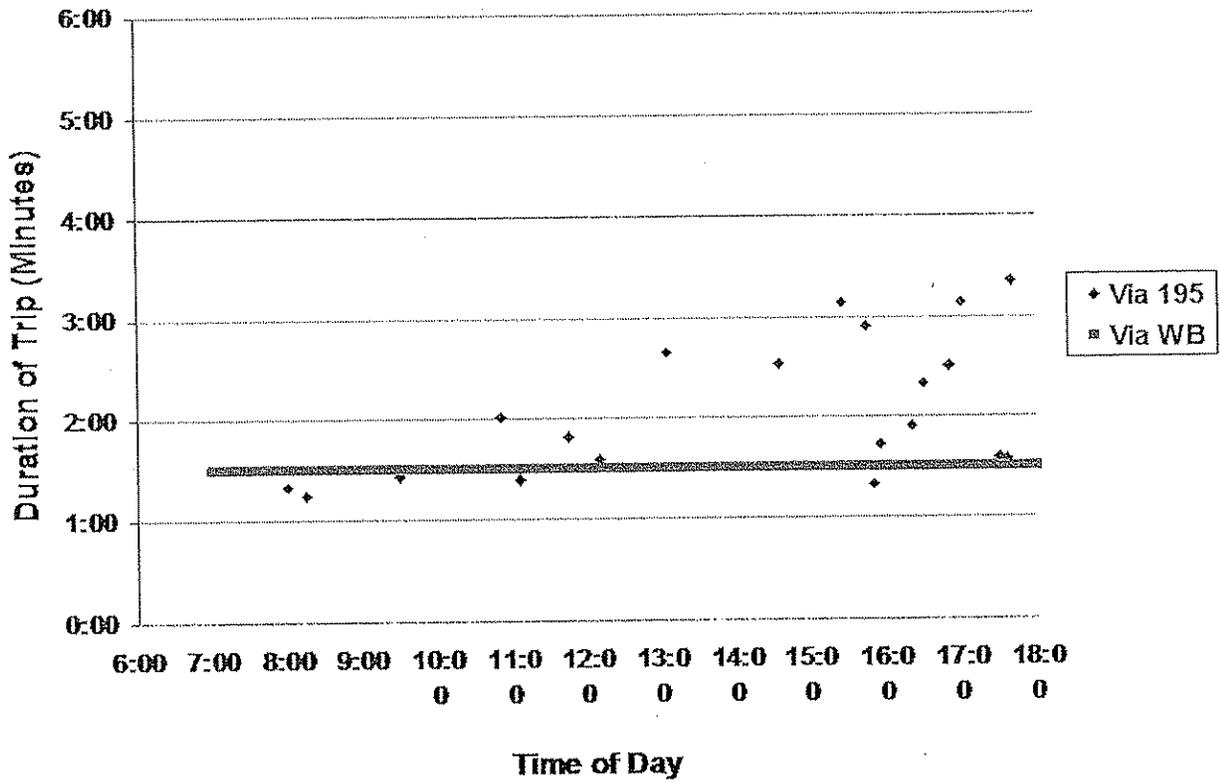
- Around 800 parking spaces, generating considerable traffic
- As shown in Appendix B, entering and exiting downtown from the North is often much faster using Willowbrook Road as a shortcut
- The incentive to use Willowbrook Road is greatest on weekday afternoons, when pedestrian traffic is heaviest and school buses are dropping off children.
- People using Willowbrook Road as a bypass often drive much faster than is safe.

Appendix A: Five Dangerous Spots for Traffic Using Willowbrook Road

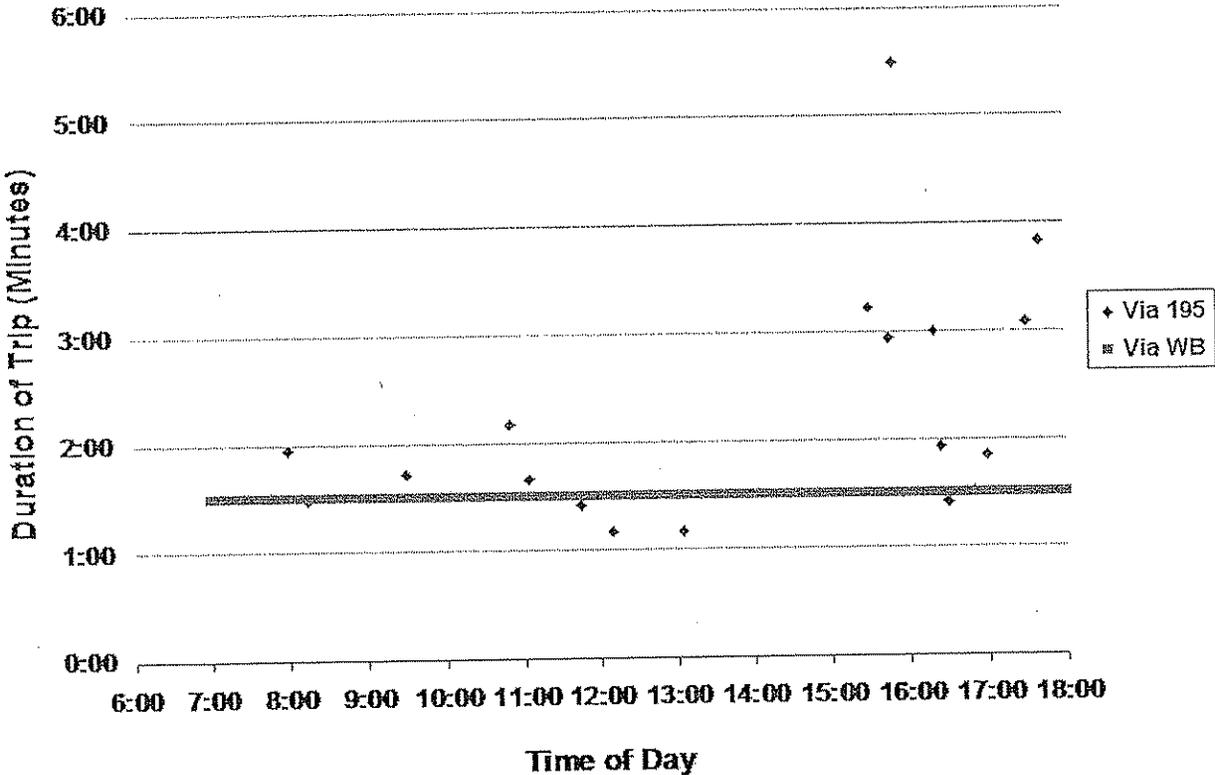


- 1- Left turn. Left turn onto Willowbrook backs-up traffic on 195 and risk rear-end crashes
- 2- Sharp turn. Southbound traffic has limited visibility due to hill on southside of road
- 3- Rise in road. Rise in the middle of Willowbrook limits visibility.
- 4- Sharp turn. Northbound traffic has limited visibility around turn.
- 5- Rise in road. Left turns onto Willowbrook from Dog Lane result in cars stopped on backside of hill.

Southbound (From "A" to "B")



Northbound (From "B" to "A")



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4/8/2012

Town Council members:

At the last council meeting I attended in regard to the School Building Project, I mentioned that I had collected a number of emails from town residents who, like me, wish to see the Annie Vinton site continue to host a school –new or old.

The first page of the enclosed packet is the flyer that was distributed to solicit the responses (there was also a similar format deployed by email). The subsequent pages consist of 21 emails from individuals whose permission I received to print and submit the document to you. As the flyer only requested a simple “I agree”-style response in the subject line, most of the printouts are short.

There were 6 individuals who sent me a supportive email, but did not reply to my follow-up request for permission to share the printed document with you, and are therefore not included here. I also had 2 individuals who CC’ed the town council’s email account on their email, and in those cases I did not bother to waste the paper for a second submission to you.

In some cases you will notice the printout is cut into a half sheet – that is due to the fact that the writer was responding to an email form of the flyer that contained a number of other email addresses on it. As I do not have permission to share those addresses, I decided to omit that portion altogether.

Please consider the input of these residents when making your siting decisions.

Thank you for your attention, and your patience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Caneira". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bill Caneira

38 Candide Lane

HELP SAVE VINTON SCHOOL!

Our Town Council plans to hold a May 2012 referendum that could propose the construction of 2 new elementary schools in Mansfield, using 2 of the existing 3 school sites.

If the Vinton site was NOT chosen to host a new school, the existing school would be closed and possibly demolished. Alternative uses of the land have not yet been decided upon, but municipal, residential, and commercial possibilities have been discussed.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

On March 5th, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the project and the school sites. The council will consider public input in choosing which school sites will host a school.

Regardless of whether you prefer to preserve our existing 3 schools or would like to see new construction, please show your support for keeping a school - new or old - on Vinton land. Some residents have spoken in support of Vinton at past Town Council meetings – but more voices are needed. Please consider attending and speaking at the hearing.

Also, in an effort to complete an online petition, email save_vinton_school@charter.net and simply type “I agree” in the subject line. The total number of supportive responses will be emphasized at the upcoming public hearing to help convey our support for Vinton to the council members.

Please consider sharing this message with all of your neighbors and friends!

Opportunities to participate (please check the town website for changes):

- Public Hearing –7:00pm on Monday, March 5, 2012 at the Mansfield Middle School auditorium
- Speak during the allotted time for public comment at a Town Council meeting, typically the 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month at 7:30pm in Council Chambers (Town Hall)
- Email the council directly at TownCouncil@mansfieldct.org. If you wish, CC the address save_vinton_school@charter.net and the number of messages sent to the council will be emphasized as well.
- Write a letter c/o of the Town Manager’s Office, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268.

From: **Jessie B** billielwt@aol.com
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 27, 2012 19:43
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

That's absolutely fine with me. Thank you.
Sent from my Verizon Wireless Phone

Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net> wrote:

Do you mind if I print and share this with the Town Council? At the last meeting I was encouraged to do so, but I wanted to get everyone's permission first.

No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you
Bill

On Feb 28, 2012, at 6:18, billielwt@aol.com wrote:

From: **Amy Lapsis** alapsis@charter.net
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 27, 2012 19:48
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

Of course, please do!

On Mar 27, 2012, at 7:43 PM, Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net> wrote:

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Thank you
Bill

On Feb 19, 2012, at 20:04, "Amy" <alapsis@charter.net> wrote:

From: **Wei Wei** weiwei1@gmail.com
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 27, 2012 20:01
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

Go ahead.

Wei

On Tue, Mar 27, 2012 at 7:42 PM, Save Vinton

<save_vinton_school@charter.net> wrote:

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Thank you
Bill

On Feb 21, 2012, at 23:25, Wei Wei <weiwei1@gmail.com> wrote:

I agree.

Wei

From: **Bill Caneira** wcaneira8614@charter.net
Subject: I agree
Date: February 19, 2012 19:31
To: save_vinton_school@charter.net

Thank you
Bill

From: **Jennifer Caneira** jenniferlkessler@hotmail.com
Subject: I agree
Date: February 22, 2012 19:39
To: save_vinton_school@charter.net

I would like to keep a school at the Vinton sight.

From: Woodlingsr@aol.com
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 27, 2012 20:03
To: save_vinton_school@charter.net

That's perfectly all right with me. Laura

In a message dated 3/27/2012 4:41:13 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, save_vinton_school@charter.net writes:

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Thank you
Bill

On Mar 3, 2012, at 19:41, Woodlingsr@aol.com wrote:

From: **David K Stearns** dkscontracting@aol.com
Subject: Re: "I agree"
Date: March 27, 2012 20:35
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

You can print it out

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2012, at 7:41 PM, Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net> wrote:

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No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you
Bill

On Mar 3, 2012, at 9:29, David K Stearns <dkscontracting@aol.com> wrote:

Sent from my iPad. Save vinton great school

From: **Bing Wang** bing@engr.uconn.edu
Subject: RE: I agree
Date: March 27, 2012 20:37
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

That's fine. Thank you.

Bing

From: Save Vinton [save_vinton_school@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 7:42 PM
To: Wang, Bing
Subject: Re: I agree

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No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you

Bill

On Feb 22, 2012, at 0:11, "Wang, Bing" <bing@engr.uconn.edu> wrote:

From: **Ian Greenshields** igreenshields@snet.net
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 27, 2012 23:53
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

Go ahead. Good luck with the campaign to save Vinton.

Ian Greenshields

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 27, 2012, at 7:40 PM, Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net> wrote:

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Thank you
Bill

On Mar 5, 2012, at 17:58, Ian Greenshields <igreenshields@snet.net> wrote:

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From: **Chris Lapsis** clapsis@charter.net
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 28, 2012 6:51
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

Of course! Thanks Bill

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

From: Save Vinton

To: Chris

Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 7:43 PM

Subject: Re: I agree

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Thank you

Bill

On Feb 19, 2012, at 20:07, "Chris" [<clapsis@charter.net>](mailto:clapsis@charter.net) wrote:

From: Jennifer Haye <sidi@att.net>
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 28, 2012 7:19
To: Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net>

It is fine with me to share it. Thanks.

From: Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net>
To: Jennifer Haye <sidi@att.net>
Sent: Tue, March 27, 2012 7:40:41 PM
Subject: Re: I agree

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No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you
Bill

On Mar 5, 2012, at 17:19, Jennifer Haye <sidi@att.net> wrote:

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From: **Alicia Benson** alicia.benson@charter.net
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 28, 2012 7:43
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

Fine with me

Sent from my iPod

On Mar 27, 2012, at 7:40 PM, Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net> wrote:

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No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you
Bill

On Mar 5, 2012, at 17:53, Alicia Benson <alicia.benson@charter.net> wrote:

Sent from my iPod

From: bholbeck@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 28, 2012 8:03
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

Go ahead.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 27, 2012, at 7:43 PM, Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net> wrote:

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Thank you
Bill

On Feb 19, 2012, at 22:05, bholbeck@yahoo.com wrote:

I agree

Sent from my iPad

From: PJ parij@snet.net
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 28, 2012 8:28
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

Bill

I do not mind if you print and share this with the Town Council.

Pari

On 3/27/2012 7:42 PM, Save Vinton wrote:

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No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you

Bill

On Feb 26, 2012, at 16:13, PJ <parij@snet.net> wrote:

From: **Julie Kessler** jkesslerconsulting@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 28, 2012 9:26
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

Hey my son,

You certainly can. Love mom

From: Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net>
To: JULIE KESSLER <jkesslerconsulting@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 7:43 PM
Subject: Re: I agree

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No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you

Bill

On Feb 20, 2012, at 8:47, JULIE KESSLER <jkesslerconsulting@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: andyrosman@charter.net
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 28, 2012 9:40
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

If you are asking whether you can share the fact that "I agree" with the position expressed to save Vinton, then the answer is yes.

On Tue, Mar 27, 2012 at 7:39 PM, Save Vinton wrote:

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No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you Bill

On Mar 5, 2012, at 19:08, andyrosman@charter.net wrote:

From: **Martha Gandelman** mgand08@gmail.com
Subject: Re: I AGREE
Date: March 28, 2012 10:35
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

No problem, permission to share.

On Tue, Mar 27, 2012 at 7:39 PM, Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net> wrote:

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Thank you
Bill

On Mar 7, 2012, at 10:23, Martha Gandelman <mgand08@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: **Jillene** jwoodmansee@charter.net
Subject: Re: I agree
Date: March 28, 2012 12:48
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

ok with me.

On Tue, Mar 27, 2012 at 7:42 PM, Save Vinton wrote:

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Thank you

Bill

On Feb 21, 2012, at 22:52, Jillene <jwoodmansee@charter.net> wrote:

From: Rick Arrigoni <woodsmangoni@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: "I agree"
Date: March 28, 2012 13:04
To: Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net>

Thats fine go ahead use it.

Rick

From: Save Vinton <save_vinton_school@charter.net>
To: Rick Arrigoni <woodsmangoni@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 7:42 PM
Subject: Re: "I agree"

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No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you
Bill

On Feb 25, 2012, at 12:25, Rick Arrigoni <woodsmangoni@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: **Terry Grant** TGrant@EOSmith.org
Subject: RE: I agree to save Vinton School
Date: March 28, 2012 16:12
To: Save Vinton save_vinton_school@charter.net

Absolutely

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

From: Save Vinton [mailto:save_vinton_school@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 7:42 PM
To: Terry Grant
Subject: Re: I agree to save Vinton School

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No pressure, if you don't want me to, just say so.

Thank you
Bill

On Feb 28, 2012, at 15:31, "Terry Grant" <TGrant@EOSmith.org> wrote:

From: Lisa Drzewiecki <lisa.drzewiecki@savevinton.org>
Subject: Re: I agree!
Date: March 28, 2012 19:32
To: Save Vinton <save_vinton@townofvinton.org>

Hi Bill,

You're welcome to share the information if you want to.

-Lisa

From: Save Vinton <save_vinton@townofvinton.org>
To: Lisa Drzewiecki <lisa.drzewiecki@savevinton.org>
Sent: Tue, March 27, 2012 7:43:02 PM
Subject: Re: I agree!

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Thank you

Bill

On Feb 21, 2012, at 20:45, Lisa Drzewiecki <lisa.drzewiecki@savevinton.org> wrote:

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April 12, 2012

Mansfield Board of Selectmen
Four S Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06268

My name is Kathleen O'Callaghan. I am the Volunteer Coordinator at the Windham Harm Reduction Coalition Inc. (WHRC), located in Willimantic, Connecticut. WHRC works to empower and make a difference in the lives of individuals and families affected by substance abuse. The agency was founded in 2009 to address the immediate health needs of individuals struggling with substance abuse and to connect those who are ready with further treatment and care. In 2011, WHRC provided services to more than 70 individuals throughout Windham County and beyond.

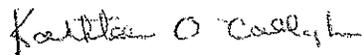
WHRC has a 501c(3) designation. The agency is staffed by volunteers and funded by donations. In 2012 WHRC received a \$10,000 reduction in annual grant revenue. I am asking for your support to ensure WHRC is able to continue to offer vital health services in Windham County without interruption.

Many of the agency's clients reside in Storrs. I believe the work of WHRC helps to ensure Storrs remains a safe and healthy community for residents to enjoy.

The Windham Harm Reduction Coalition can be reached at:

PO BOX 1169
Willimantic, CT 06226
Windhamharmreductioncoalition@gmail.com
(860) 234-7313

Thank you very much for your consideration to offer financial support to WHRC.



Kathleen O'Callaghan

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Sara-Ann Bourque

From: Sue Kaeser [suekaeser@charter.net]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2012 9:46 AM
To: Bonnie Ryan; Carl Schaefer (Gmail Email); Paul M. Shapiro; Christopher R. Paulhus; Peter Kochenburger; Meredith Lindsey; Toni Moran; Denise Keane; Elizabeth Paterson; Town Mngr
Subject: Mansfield Little League Opening Day Saturday April 28, 2012 -
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Purple
Attachments: Concession Stand Coupon - Free Drink & Hot Dog.docx
Good Morning Mansfield's Town Council:

On behalf of Mansfield Little League, I would like to invite you to Mansfield Little League's Opening Ceremonies, on Saturday, April 28th, Southeast Fields, Route 89, starting at 12 noon. This year we are providing baseball and softball programs for approximately 250 children in the Town of Mansfield. We are grateful to have supportive town council members and would like to recognize your support during the ceremony. Please stop by for the ceremony, watch a game, and grab a hot dog or hamburger at the concession stand. Print the attached complimentary concession coupon!

It would be appreciated if you could RSVP by Thursday, April 16th

Thank you and hope to see you at the fields!

Sue Kaeser
MLL Registrar
and Opening Day Coordinator
860-208-6165 c

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4/19/12

Request for Help from Mansfield Town Government in Restricting Noise,
Kennel and Construction, from 82 Stone Mill Road property.

Item #13

From Lesley Dyson Minearo
575 Chaffeeville Road, Storrs, CT 06268

ladyson7@yahoo.com

487-9404

The lack of calm and quiet in our Fenton River area neighborhood, especially on weekends when we need to rejuvenate for the next work week, has been especially hard the last few months. Barking dogs and construction/chainsaw/leafblower noise exacerbating the dogs' barking makes it very difficult to relax in our homes. A new kennel that was built on Stone Mill Road in 2011 is the source of the noise and yet, as homeowners and neighbors, we have not been able to get sufficient help from the town or Barracks C on Sundays to control this noise.

Mansfield Animal Control has received complaints about the barking dogs on Stone Mill Rd, as has Mansfield town zoning, but the barking dog law is a state law that is too vague to really do anything about. One suggestion from Animal Control is to keep a "barking dog log". This log would help Mansfield Animal Control pinpoint times that the dogs are incessantly barking, but that means the person already bothered by the dogs has to really pay attention to when the dogs start and stop barking for the recommended days or weeks at a time. For those of us already trying to block out the nuisance barking noise, paying closer attention to it is not what we want to do.

Barking that wakes neighbors up, prevents neighbors from enjoying their gardening activities, meals on their patios, even relaxing with windows open, is a stressful situation, a nuisance and not understanding of the need for peace and quiet in our homes that we thought we had when we bought our properties many years ago.

For the past two Sundays the noise of construction machinery, specifically a backhoe, from as early as 7:30am has prevented peaceful use of home and garden for many of the kennel's neighbors. I am a beekeeper and must work my bees regularly and yet was unable to do this Sunday the 15th due to the overwhelming noise. I opened the hive and the bees sensed my stress from the noise and it was bee chaos. I immediately had to close it up without checking for growth. Like many of my neighbors, I also am a gardener. Gardening to the sound of dogs and backhoes does not create the peaceful and revitalizing effect that one hopes to achieve in the garden. The noise from kennel, backhoe and other machinery interferes with my use of my property, and keeps me from enjoying the home that I have lived in for almost a decade. I think this is grossly unfair. Barracks C dismisses these noise problems as out of their jurisdiction and I was told that neighbors can do what they want on their property if it isn't outside normal hours. Unfortunately, early Sunday mornings seem to be in "normal hours."

Sunday evening I talked with many of the neighbors on Stone Mill Road, asking them to sign a petition asking the residents of 82 Stone Mill Road to be more vigilant about policing noise from their dogs. I also asked them to sign a petition to make construction noise on Sundays not allowable in our town. I found an overwhelming support of 100% from the people to whom I talked. I have attached one email that I received.

This town is in the Quiet Corner of Connecticut. Construction machinery, barking dogs and other noise, like frequent use of leafblowers and chainsaws, should be covered by the newly passed nuisance noise ordinance of Mansfield, however that law is aimed at college student's noise like cars and partying.

Other towns in Connecticut have noise ordinances that allow for Sunday to be a day of quiet with no construction allowed. For instance, Newtown and Greenwich restrict noise from construction and heavy machinery before 9am and after 5pm and anytime on Sunday, and Greenwich has leafblower restrictions as well. Farmington prohibits dogs to become a nuisance by reason of excessive barking or any other disturbance and has used that law to convict dog owner offenders. Enfield enforces noise levels standards, with 55 dBA allowable in the day in residential areas, far lower than which a backhoe can conform. Towns enforce noise regulations with fines.

How can we be a Quiet Corner if we allow unrestricted noise from dogs, construction machinery and leafblowers?

Is there any way to alleviate this problem and allow me to enjoy peace in my home again? What laws or noise restrictions can be enacted to ensure tranquility in our homes at least one day a week?

Lesley Dyson

From: Robert Moskowitz [rmoskowitz@charter.net]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2012 1:08 PM
To: ladyson7@yahoo.com
Subject: Barking dogs

Hi Lesley, Please feel free to attach this to your petition.

We have lived on Stonemill Road for 35 years and to the best of my memory, all the neighbors have always gotten along very well. I don't remember anyone having a problem with anyone else. The new neighbors (the Leblonds) seem perfectly nice. However, they did make a mistake in thinking that they could live in such close proximity to other people and have so many animals on such a small property. I am a pretty straight shooter so I have already expressed my concerns to Mrs. Leblond.

I then spoke to Curt Hirsch and more recently, our very responsible Animal Control Officer. I did explain to the Animal Control Officer that years ago a neighbor on Bundy Lane was playing his stereo at all hours and the people who lived on Chaffeeville Road came to us complaining, thinking it was our teenage sons creating the ruckus, because the sounds just seems to carry to Chaffeeville amazingly loud and clear. The neighbor was responsive to our complaints, but the point is, Chaffeeville Road does get the sounds from Stonemill loud and clear.

Suprisingly, so far, we don't hear the dogs. However, I walk by the house on a regular basis and they do bark. I am afraid of them, as I expressed to Mrs. Leblond, so I am very wary. They bark certainly when I walk by and once, one of the dogs was loose on the road. (Actually since our dog used to walk up Stonemill on a regular basis when he was young, I can't really complain about anyone's dog roaming). No matter what, 10 dogs is just too many to have in a residential area. If you are selling dogs-it is commercial-period, a business does not belong in a residential neighborhood! So many horses and llamas and dogs-on 5-6 acres, right on the Fenton River? I am very concerned, the noise is a problem for sure, but also what about the amount of feces generated on that small property? Where does it all go?

I believe these are all things that the Town needs to address. As far as the barking, I don't want any college kids making noise, and I don't want any barking dogs making noise. It is probably discriminatory to have the noise ordinance apply to only college students so I assume this falls under that ordinance as well.

Again, the Leblonds seem very nice, and I understand that this is a big problem for them. They may not have bought the property if we had expressed our concerns to them before they moved here, but no one came to us to tell us we'd have a game farm and dog breeding business on our street. However, they are here, so what do you do? I am hoping they can come up with a reasonable resolution because it is just not appropriate to have the property used the way it is. Jane Moskowitz 860-429-6109

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General Fund - Expenditure & Tax Increase Benchmarking

Town	Population	FY 11/12 (Current Year)		FY 12/13 (Proposed - Next Year)				
		General Fund Total (Amended) Expenditures	Mill Rate	General Fund Total Proposed Expenditures	General Fund Expenditures - % Increase/ Decrease Over Current Year	Proposed Mill Rate	Mill Increase/ Decrease	Mill Rate - % Increase/ Decrease Over Current Year
MANSFIELD	26,685	\$44,147,140	26.68	\$45,037,040	2.02%	27.16	0.48	1.80%
Avon	18,145	\$74,584,980	25.04	\$74,347,655	-0.32%	25.65	0.61	2.44%
Coventry	12,453	\$36,723,207	27.00	\$37,357,796	1.73%	27.10	0.10	0.37%
Farmington	25,368	\$87,622,086	21.27	\$90,335,142	3.10%	21.90	0.63	2.96%
Glastonbury	34,467	\$137,864,917	30.05	\$141,503,293	2.64%	30.70	0.65	2.16%
Manchester	58,354	\$163,381,703	28.18	\$167,016,027	2.22%	31.56	3.38	11.99%
New London	27,643	\$81,862,570	25.31	\$87,111,948	6.41%	30.28	4.97	19.64%
Norwich	40,605	\$109,308,849	24.76	\$113,472,991	3.81%	25.99	1.23	4.97%
Plainville	17,724	\$52,918,113	28.98	\$53,992,901	2.03%	30.28	1.30	4.49%
So. Windsor	25,751	\$96,400,027	28.78	\$99,400,971	3.11%	29.86	1.08	3.75%
Tolland	15,086	\$50,427,662	29.73	\$51,362,234	1.85%	29.99	0.26	0.87%
Wethersfield	26,695	\$84,511,361	31.42	\$87,704,184	3.78%	32.77	1.35	4.30%
Windham	25,321	\$56,016,931	28.15	\$57,653,096	2.92%	28.76	0.61	2.17%
MEAN	27,254	\$82,751,504	27.33	\$85,099,637	2.72%	28.62	1.28	4.76%
MEDIAN	25,751	\$81,862,570	28.15	\$87,111,948	2.64%	29.86	0.65	2.96%

Notes:

Source for population: 2010 CT DPH

FY 11/12 General Fund Total Amended Expenditures used when available, otherwise adopted used.

GENERAL FUND - FUND BALANCE SUMMARY

AVERAGE ALL TOWNS, ALL YEARS							
	GF Expenditures	GF Fund Balance Reserved	GF Fund Balance Designated	GF Fund Balance Undesignated	Total GF Fund Balance	% of Undesignated to Total Exp.	Mansfield % of Undesignated to Total Exp.
FY 05/06	\$72,676,224	\$556,397	\$1,013,826	\$5,993,010	\$7,563,233	8.06%	4.32%
FY 06/07	\$77,032,363	\$580,534	\$1,117,141	\$6,514,639	\$8,212,314	8.21%	4.47%
FY 07/08	\$94,825,749	\$749,446	\$1,262,178	\$6,383,969	\$8,395,594	6.52%	3.93%
FY 08/09	\$86,846,682	\$719,236	\$891,179	\$6,318,343	\$7,928,759	7.03%	4.09%
FY 09/10	\$85,599,344	\$639,530	\$615,433	\$6,511,266	\$7,766,229	7.47%	4.31%
FY 10/11	\$84,972,371	\$72,144	\$1,488,787	\$7,099,268	\$8,864,060	10.00%	5.21%
AVERAGE	\$83,658,789	\$552,881	\$1,064,757	\$6,470,083	\$8,121,698	7.88%	4.39%

MEDIAN ALL TOWNS, ALL YEARS							
	GF Expenditures	GF Fund Balance Reserved	GF Fund Balance Designated	GF Fund Balance Undesignated	Total GF Fund Balance	% of Undesignated to Total Exp.	Mansfield % of Undesignated to Total Exp.
FY 05/06	\$71,623,678	\$304,465	\$700,000	\$6,147,668	\$8,049,033	9.08%	4.32%
FY 06/07	\$77,010,979	\$400,071	\$350,000	\$6,147,948	\$8,738,682	9.25%	4.47%
FY 07/08	\$94,902,920	\$455,676	\$1,000,000	\$5,408,945	\$8,929,595	6.25%	3.93%
FY 08/09	\$83,443,529	\$364,610	\$700,000	\$5,945,857	\$8,412,157	6.92%	4.09%
FY 09/10	\$79,511,659	\$381,593	\$0	\$6,298,191	\$8,226,125	7.23%	4.31%
FY 10/11	\$77,764,940	\$23,929	\$938,188	\$6,661,099	\$9,604,871	9.87%	5.21%
MEDIAN	\$78,638,300	\$373,102	\$700,000	\$6,147,808	\$8,575,420	8.15%	4.31%

General Fund - Fund Balance Benchmarking

Town	Population	FY 05/06						% of Undesignated to Total Exp.	FY 06/07					
		GF Expenditures	General Fund - Fund Balance				Total Fund Balance		GF Expenditures	General Fund - Fund Balance				Total Fund Balance
			Reserved	Designated	Undesignated	Total Fund Balance				Reserved	Designated	Undesignated	Total Fund Balance	
MANSFIELD	26,685	\$38,507,412	\$71,936	\$0	\$1,661,693	\$1,733,629	4.3%	\$39,579,108	\$126,765	\$0	\$1,769,124	\$1,895,889	4.5%	
Avon	18,145	\$59,806,970	\$147,535	\$175,000	\$3,984,172	\$4,306,707	6.7%	\$62,894,721	\$17,118	\$245,000	\$3,515,315	\$3,777,433	5.6%	
Coventry	12,453	\$32,104,489	\$162,917	\$0	\$1,866,861	\$2,029,778	5.8%	\$33,134,110	\$199,230	\$0	\$2,096,940	\$2,296,170	6.3%	
Farmington	25,368	\$79,358,402	\$535,942	\$475,000	\$7,286,943	\$8,297,885	9.2%	\$83,214,416	\$448,180	\$350,000	\$7,695,726	\$8,493,906	9.2%	
Glastonbury	34,467	\$115,739,690	\$269,842	\$839,776	\$13,092,684	\$14,202,302	11.3%	\$124,759,912	\$387,873	\$898,165	\$14,378,194	\$15,664,232	11.5%	
Manchester	58,354	\$138,516,000	\$1,561,000	\$5,477,000	\$8,352,000	\$15,390,000	6.0%	\$149,403,000	\$1,045,000	\$6,825,000	\$9,446,000	\$17,316,000	6.3%	
New London	27,643	\$74,260,821	\$32,442	\$145,757	\$6,760,971	\$6,939,170	9.1%	\$77,171,770	\$99,038	\$145,758	\$9,167,725	\$9,412,521	11.9%	
Norwich	40,605	\$96,341,000	\$259,000	\$1,700,000	\$9,330,000	\$11,289,000	9.7%	\$101,258,000	\$425,000	\$2,020,000	\$9,631,000	\$12,076,000	9.5%	
Plainville	17,724	\$49,380,428	\$777,908	\$1,350,000	\$4,485,406	\$6,613,314	9.1%	\$58,193,680	\$1,651,887	\$1,300,000	\$3,967,344	\$6,919,231	6.8%	
So. Windsor	25,751	\$81,680,174	\$1,692,424	\$1,300,000	\$4,406,280	\$7,398,704	5.4%	\$86,265,137	\$1,338,085	\$1,520,000	\$4,951,890	\$7,809,975	5.7%	
Tolland	15,086	\$44,817,268	\$1,083,083	\$17,200	\$4,336,381	\$5,436,664	9.7%	\$47,018,183	\$1,117,199	\$246,912	\$4,647,758	\$6,011,869	9.9%	
Wethersfield	26,695	\$71,623,678	\$334,672	\$700,000	\$6,198,071	\$7,232,743	8.7%	\$77,010,979	\$291,495	\$700,000	\$7,275,338	\$8,266,833	9.4%	
Windham	25,321	\$62,654,582	\$304,465	\$1,000,000	\$6,147,668	\$7,452,133	9.8%	\$61,517,697	\$400,071	\$272,000	\$6,147,948	\$6,820,019	10.0%	
MEAN	27,254	\$72,676,224	\$556,397	\$1,013,826	\$5,993,010	\$7,563,233	8.06%	\$77,032,363	\$580,534	\$1,117,141	\$6,514,639	\$8,212,314	8.21%	
MEDIAN	25,751	\$71,623,678	\$304,465	\$700,000	\$6,147,668	\$8,049,033	9.08%	\$77,010,979	\$400,071	\$350,000	\$6,147,948	\$8,738,682	9.25%	

Notes:
 Source for population: 2010 CT DPH
 FY 10/11 data not available online for New London, South Windsor or Windham. Towns have not yet responded to request for information.

General Fund - Fund Balance

Town	Population	FY 07/08						% of Undesignated to Total Exp.	FY 08/09					
		GF Expenditures	General Fund - Fund Balance				Total Fund Balance		GF Expenditures	General Fund - Fund Balance				Total Fund Balance
			Reserved	Designated	Undesignated					Reserved	Designated	Undesignated		
MANSFIELD	26,685	\$46,535,847	\$157,377	\$0	\$1,830,202	\$1,987,579	3.9%	\$44,634,328	\$303,236	\$0	\$1,824,737	\$2,127,973	4.1%	
Avon	18,145	\$79,975,846	\$0	\$187,558	\$4,488,669	\$4,676,227	5.6%	\$69,213,929	\$0	\$463,942	\$4,789,580	\$5,253,522	6.9%	
Coventry	12,453	\$42,152,096	\$142,626	\$0	\$2,346,413	\$2,489,039	5.6%	\$37,869,032	\$358,753	\$0	\$2,297,113	\$2,655,866	6.1%	
Farmington	25,368	\$101,641,135	\$455,676	\$1,034,000	\$7,550,291	\$9,039,967	7.4%	\$101,622,141	\$493,720	\$950,000	\$7,023,480	\$8,467,200	6.9%	
Glastonbury	34,467	\$156,037,764	\$532,947	\$3,479,000	\$15,558,173	\$19,570,120	10.0%	\$150,059,527	\$274,528	\$2,444,388	\$16,906,721	\$19,625,637	11.3%	
Manchester	58,354	\$183,405,000	\$2,328,000	\$6,450,000	\$9,866,000	\$18,644,000	5.4%	\$165,220,000	\$1,787,000	\$4,127,000	\$10,363,000	\$16,277,000	6.3%	
New London	27,643	\$95,502,820	\$55,151	\$145,758	\$5,970,592	\$6,171,501	6.3%	\$83,443,529	\$0	\$0	\$6,113,860	\$6,113,860	7.3%	
Norwich	40,605	\$118,668,000	\$308,000	\$1,200,000	\$9,476,000	\$10,984,000	8.0%	\$109,395,000	\$283,000	\$800,000	\$8,816,000	\$9,899,000	8.1%	
Plainville	17,724	\$62,694,863	\$1,864,642	\$1,300,000	\$3,000,378	\$6,165,020	4.8%	\$55,251,444	\$1,757,813	\$1,200,000	\$1,778,513	\$4,736,326	3.2%	
So. Windsor	25,751	\$114,608,203	\$964,171	\$1,000,000	\$5,060,669	\$7,024,840	4.4%	\$106,336,113	\$1,207,916	\$800,000	\$3,312,854	\$5,320,770	3.1%	
Tolland	15,086	\$59,371,433	\$1,484,504	\$0	\$5,175,165	\$6,659,669	8.7%	\$52,999,907	\$1,085,203	\$100,000	\$5,755,314	\$6,940,517	10.9%	
Wethersfield	26,695	\$94,902,920	\$311,496	\$1,281,000	\$7,260,104	\$8,852,600	7.7%	\$85,536,418	\$1,434,292	\$700,000	\$7,211,432	\$9,345,724	8.4%	
Windham	25,321	\$77,238,815	\$1,138,210	\$331,000	\$5,408,945	\$6,878,155	7.0%	\$67,425,503	\$364,610	\$0	\$5,945,857	\$6,310,467	8.8%	
MEAN	27,254	\$94,825,749	\$749,446	\$1,262,178	\$6,383,969	\$8,395,594	6.52%	\$86,846,682	\$719,236	\$891,179	\$6,318,343	\$7,928,759	7.03%	
MEDIAN	25,751	\$94,902,920	\$455,676	\$1,000,000	\$5,408,945	\$8,929,595	6.25%	\$83,443,529	\$364,610	\$700,000	\$5,945,857	\$8,412,157	6.92%	

Notes:

Source for population: 2010 CT
 FY 10/11 data not available onl

General Fund - Fund Balance

Town	Population	FY 09/10						FY 10/11						
		GF Expenditures	General Fund - Fund Balance				% of Undesignated to Total Exp.	GF Expenditures	General Fund - Fund Balance				% of Undesignated to Total Exp.	
			Reserved	Designated	Undesignated	Total Fund Balance			Reserved/ Non Spendable	Committed	Designated/ Assigned	Undesignated/ Unassigned		Total Fund Balance
WILANSFIELD	26,685	\$43,271,937	\$381,593	\$0	\$1,865,895	\$2,247,488	4.3%	\$42,185,884	\$0	\$0	\$329,652	\$1,867,105	\$2,196,757	5.2%
Avon	18,145	\$68,955,268	\$0	\$448,442	\$4,652,097	\$5,100,539	6.7%	\$67,645,506	\$133,724	\$0	\$1,786,555	\$6,084,975	\$8,005,254	11.8%
Coventry	12,453	\$47,492,124	\$368,090	\$0	\$2,669,427	\$3,037,517	5.6%	\$37,630,744	\$37,612	\$4,352	\$233,507	\$2,788,992	\$3,064,463	8.1%
Farmington	25,368	\$103,312,125	\$102,654	\$500,000	\$7,465,752	\$8,068,406	7.2%	\$97,766,922	\$234,824	\$0	\$0	\$7,871,059	\$8,105,883	8.3%
Glastonbury	34,467	\$142,705,589	\$340,646	\$1,860,183	\$15,803,034	\$18,003,863	11.1%	\$136,591,242	\$266,034	\$0	\$3,366,844	\$15,958,589	\$19,591,467	14.3%
Manchester	58,354	\$166,822,000	\$2,451,000	\$3,692,000	\$9,357,000	\$15,500,000	5.6%	\$161,813,002	\$39,000	\$40,000	\$5,515,000	\$10,053,000	\$15,647,000	9.7%
New London	27,643	\$79,511,659	\$11,136	\$0	\$6,298,191	\$6,309,327	7.9%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Norwich	40,605	\$108,783,000	\$268,000	\$0	\$9,834,000	\$10,102,000	9.0%	\$107,506,000	\$0	\$0	\$178,000	\$10,649,000	\$10,827,000	10.1%
Plainville	17,724	\$55,357,285	\$1,584,049	\$0	\$1,481,702	\$3,065,751	2.7%	\$59,319,592	\$10,246	\$171,012	\$1,017,759	\$2,397,761	\$3,596,778	6.1%
So. Windsor	25,751	\$96,403,171	\$416,571	\$800,000	\$4,474,518	\$5,691,089	4.6%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tolland	15,086	\$50,708,868	\$1,176,551	\$0	\$6,119,876	\$7,296,427	12.1%	\$51,380,440	\$0	\$0	\$1,601,935	\$6,209,332	\$7,811,267	15.2%
Wethersfield	26,695	\$87,965,814	\$813,143	\$700,000	\$7,346,059	\$8,859,202	8.4%	\$87,884,374	\$0	\$1,823,247	\$858,617	\$7,112,866	\$9,794,730	11.1%
Windham	25,321	\$61,502,636	\$400,462	\$0	\$7,278,911	\$7,679,373	11.8%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MEAN	27,254	\$85,599,344	\$639,530	\$615,433	\$6,511,266	\$7,766,229	7.47%	\$84,972,371	\$72,144	\$203,861	\$1,488,787	\$7,099,268	\$8,864,060	10.00%
MEDIAN	25,751	\$79,511,659	\$381,593	\$0	\$6,298,191	\$8,226,125	7.23%	\$77,764,940	\$23,929	\$0	\$938,188	\$6,661,099	\$9,604,871	9.87%

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LEGAL NOTICE**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN MANSFIELD-STORRS
CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 13b-11a, subsection (b) of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 7:30 pm. in the Council Chambers at the Mansfield-Storrs Town Hall, 4 So. Eagleville Rd., Mansfield-Storrs, 06268.

This is one of a series of seven public hearings which will be held throughout the state in metropolitan areas designated by the Connecticut Public Transportation Commission (CPTC). These hearings will enable members of the CPTC to gain firsthand information and reactions from the public concerning existing and proposed public transportation services within the state of Connecticut. The CPTC is particularly interested in receiving comments from public officials and private citizens on how public transportation is working in the state and what might be done to improve it.

Issues of interest to the Commission include:

- New Mansfield intermodal center and transit-oriented development complex
- Regional transit service adequacy and needs
- UConn/Mansfield pre-paid fare program
- Status of plans for new WRTD bus facility
- Update on passenger rail service proposal on New England Central rail line
- Other topics of interest to the public

Interested persons are invited to submit recommendations or other comments concerning the transportation system, either orally or in writing at the hearing. Comments and testimony may also be mailed to Dennis J. King, CPTC Liaison at P.O. Box 317546, Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546.

This hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Hearing impaired individuals or persons speaking a language other than English, wishing to attend this hearing and requiring an interpreter, may make arrangements by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3061 (VOICE ONLY) AT LEAST FIVE WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Item #16

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct the following public hearing sessions and thereafter as necessary on the application by The Connecticut Light & Power Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation. The scheduled public comment hearing dates and locations are as follows:

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Lebanon Fire Safety Complex, 23 Goshen Hill Road, Lebanon 06249

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Quinebaug Valley Senior Citizens Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT 06234

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mansfield Middle School Auditorium
205 Spring Hill Road, Storrs, CT 06268

The Council will conduct a public field review (bus tour) driving roads near and/or crossing portions of the proposed route prior to each public comment hearing beginning at 2:00 p.m. The bus tour on April 18, 2012 will begin at 23 Goshen Hill Road in Lebanon and continue to the Card Street Substation on Card Street in Lebanon, then traverse roadways near the proposed route, navigating through the towns of Lebanon, Columbia, Hampton, and the western portion of Brooklyn. The bus tour scheduled for April 19, 2012 will begin at 69 South Main Street in Brooklyn, and continue to the proposed route, navigating through the towns of Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, and Thompson. The final bus tour scheduled for April 24, 2012 will begin at 205 Spring Hill Road in Mansfield and continue to the proposed route, traversing nearby roadways, navigating through the towns of Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, and Hampton.

Please contact Lisa Fontaine of the Council staff at 860-827-2969 if you would like to attend any or all of these bus tours.

The purpose of the evening hearing sessions is for the public to make brief statements into the record.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Council's office, Hearing Room Two, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council requests that all testimony and exhibits are to be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors two weeks before the commencement of evidentiary hearing sessions. Evidentiary hearing sessions have been scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012; and continue on Thursday, May 3, 2012; Tuesday, May 22, 2012; and Wednesday, May 23, 2012, and thereafter as necessary, at the Central Connecticut State University, Institute of Technology and Business Development, Room 3130000, 185 Main Street, New Britain, Connecticut. Directions and parking information can be found at <http://web.ccsu.edu/itbd/directions/default.htm>. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, two weeks prior to the commencement of the evidentiary hearing sessions.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the final evidentiary hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearings or any time up to 30 days after the close of the evidentiary hearing sessions. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

For the convenience of the public a verbatim transcript of the hearing sessions will be made and deposited with the Town Halls of the 12 municipalities: Brooklyn, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Hampton, Killingly, Lebanon, Mansfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by April 3, 2012. The applicant for the proceeding is represented by the following:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company
(Applicant)

Anthony M. Fitzgerald, Esq.
Carmody & Torrance LLP
P.O. Box 1950
New Haven, CT 06509

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's website www.ct.gov/csc or at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935, or on Council website at <http://www.ct.gov/csc> under the link "Pending Proceedings." The Council has assigned this application docket no. 424.

For the convenience of the public, copies of the application are available in the town clerk's offices in each of the 12 municipalities.

February 27, 2012

Connecticut Siting Council

CL&P Interstate Reliability Project

Bus Tour of the proposed route

The bus tour on **April 18, 2012** will begin at **23 Goshen Hill Road** in Lebanon and continue to the Card Street Substation on Card Street in Lebanon, then traverse roadways near the proposed route, navigating through the towns of Lebanon, Columbia, Hampton, and the western portion of Brooklyn. The bus tour scheduled for **April 19, 2012** will begin at **69 South Main Street** in Brooklyn, and continue to the proposed route, navigating through the towns of Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, and Thompson. The final bus tour scheduled for **April 24, 2012** will begin at **205 Spring Hill Road in Mansfield** and continue to the proposed route, traversing nearby roadways, navigating through the towns of Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, and Hampton. The bus for this tour leaves at 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to go on the bus tour, please contact Lisa.Fontaine@ct.gov . It is open to the public. One week before a hearing, Lisa Fontaine will send out site visit information to those signed up to attend.

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Poll will assess Mansfield's fitness routine

By Christine Buckley, CLAS Today

How do you think your town's parks and recreation department is doing?

Three UConn students



MPA students Matthew Cole, Ashley Laferriere, and Kelley Jacobson will assess the shape of Mansfield's rec programs based on a public opinion survey they created.

Photo by Christine Buckley

Matthew Cole, Kelley Jacobson and Ashley Laferriere – are aiming to find out – in Mansfield.

As students in the Master of Public Administration program in CLAS's public policy department, Laferriere, Jacobson and Cole have developed and administered a public opinion survey for the Town of Mansfield's Parks and Recreation Department.

"Mansfield is a unique town – they have a giant campus around them," says Cole. "We're getting to practice our skills, and they're getting quality research."

The master of public administration program teaches students to work in a variety of public service jobs in federal, state and local government as well as private sector organizations. Their final capstone project involves a yearlong research project in the service of a local organization.

"Some organizations have an idea they've been considering, but they may not have the resources fully explore it," says Assistant Professor Deneen Hatmaker, the capstone course instructor and an adviser to the Mansfield Parks and Recreation capstone project. "By working with our students

they have an opportunity to pursue something they've been wanting to do, and at the same time they're able to give back to UConn."

Curt Vincente, director of Mansfield Parks and Recreation, had originally approached the MPA program with an idea to develop a strategic plan. But the students quickly realized that for an organization of this scope, a strategic plan was much more than they could accomplish in their short time.

So the best first step, they determined, was to administer a public opinion survey. They wanted to know what people like and don't like about the facilities, programs and services offered by Mansfield Parks and Recreation. Does the equipment meet everyone's needs? How do people like the pool? Would they like another pool to be added? How about the fitness classes? These and many other carefully researched and worded questions comprised a web-based, 20-minute survey sent to more than 5600 current and former Mansfield Community Center members.

Laferriere says that the survey helped them to understand the broader picture.

"It gave us an opportunity to learn what goes into strategic plans," she notes.

While collecting their data, the students also discovered an unexpected benefit of working together: their different strengths. Cole and Jacobson attended UConn for their undergraduate degrees, and Laferriere went to Providence College. While Cole majored in economics, Jacobson and Laferriere studied political science and English.

"Matt is heavily quantitative, but that's not my strong point," laughs Jacobson.

"Public policy is all these different disciplines coming together to try to solve problems," adds Cole. "You need to know writing, statistics, finance, human resources, labor management, political science... and the list goes on."

The students are currently analyzing their data from the public opinion survey and will present a report to their advisers and the Mansfield Parks and Recreation staff at the end of the semester. The town can then use the report in the development of its strategic plan.

"We hope the survey will help us make good recommendations for parks and recreation trends in the future," says Jacobson.

The experience, they all agree, has been invaluable as on-the-job training.

"I wouldn't have realized what kind of career I was looking for without

this program," says Jacobson.

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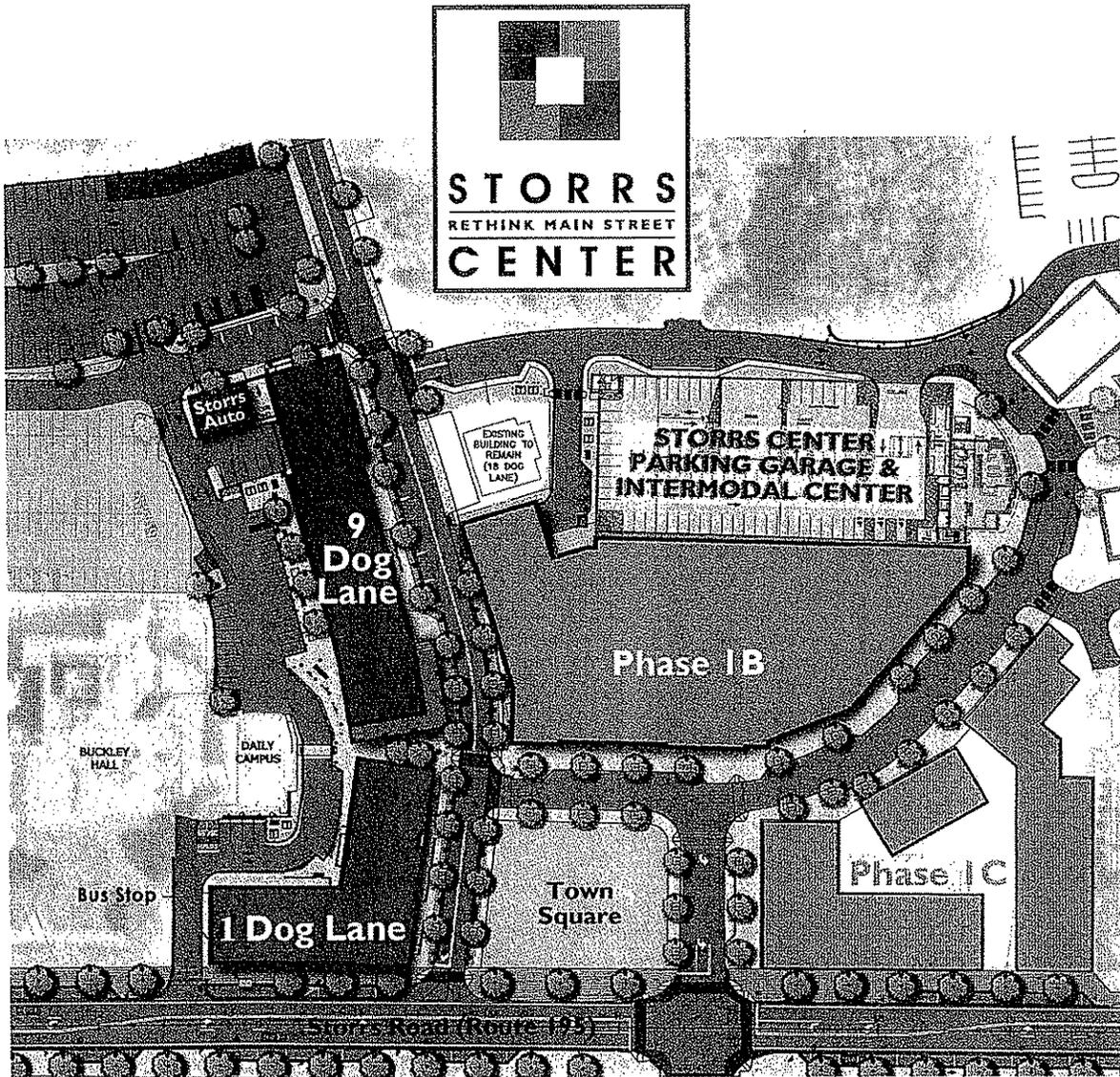
Town of Mansfield

**Annual Town Meeting
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**Tuesday, May 8, 2012
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Mansfield Middle School
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Item #20

Rid Litter Day

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Let's Clean Up Our Town

Rid your neighborhood of litter by getting a few of your neighbors together on Saturday, April 28, 2012 to pick up litter. Roadside wooded areas and wetlands collect a lot of debris. Not only is litter unsightly, plastic litter can be harmful to wildlife. Littered cans, glass and plastic bottles can be recycled and you are encouraged to keep them separate from other roadside litter. Bags of litter may be placed out with household trash if you have collection service or taken to the Mansfield transfer station for no charge. The transfer station is located on Rte 89, one mile from the intersection of Routes 195 and 89 in Mansfield Center.

For more information about Rid Litter Day or the Adopt-A-Road program, call the Public Works Office at 860-429-3333.

Methods of Disposal:

If you are signed up for household trash service—no service level restrictions apply the week of May 1.

If you use the Mansfield Transfer Station on Rte 89—no charge. The Transfer Station hours are Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Thursdays 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.



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Spring Weekend: The Party's Off At UConn

By SUSAN HERBST

The Hartford Courant

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Most Connecticut residents know what "Spring Weekend" refers to: the deeply unfortunate and destructive annual bacchanal held near the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus in late April that has featured thousands of people descending on Mansfield to, for lack of a better term, "party" for three nights.

The state should also know that UConn and our partners have been and continue to do everything we can to combat this unwanted tradition and eventually end it for good.

Spring Weekend grew over four decades, beginning as fairly sedate student-oriented gathering in the 1960s. Over the years, it became an unwieldy, unpredictable event that attracted between 10,000 and 15,000 people each night.

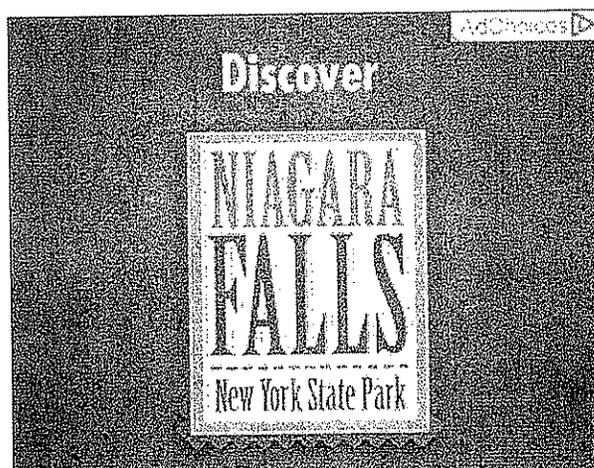
The greatest misconception about the weekend is that it was solely a gathering of UConn students, and that it was the students who created all the problems that grew out of it. That isn't true.

First, it was estimated that more than half the crowds were people with no connection to the university at all; they came to Storrs simply because Spring Weekend was known as a big party. Between 80 percent and 90 percent of the arrests made each year were non-students. The same held true with those needing medical attention.

But regardless of the make-up of the participants, Spring Weekend was a stain on UConn's reputation. Our campus and the community had to contend with vandalism, destruction of property, drunken behavior, theft, assaults and a host of other crimes. Then, during Spring Weekend 2010, a UConn student named Jafar Karzoun was assaulted off-campus following a gathering at a nearby private housing complex. He died from his injuries days later. A non-student, in Mansfield for Spring Weekend, was convicted in his death. It was a terrible tragedy for Karzoun's family, friends and for the entire university. It helps guide our thinking today.

Spring Weekend was something that took place against the wishes of the university, and none of the

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alcohol-soaked gatherings were sanctioned or supported in any way by UConn. If administrators alone could have ended them, they would have done so without hesitation.

In fact, UConn and others tried countless solutions over the years to diminish or distract from the gatherings that took place each night. None were as effective as they needed to be. Or even close.

Then last year, a variety of factors came together to dramatically de-escalate the event: the university, recognizing that administrative decisions alone could never curtail Spring Weekend, called on our students to participate in a voluntary moratorium. UConn leaders spent months talking with students and asking them to avoid it, not invite their friends to campus during this period and instead return home that weekend if at all possible.

It being the weekend of Easter certainly helped, but there was ample evidence that students took that message to heart.

As important, the university, UConn police, state police, the town of Mansfield and area landlords also ramped up several strategies that had been in place during the previous year to keep non-students away. They were effective in making campus and the off-campus housing complexes as difficult to access as possible, and many people were turned away. This led to positive results: Crowds were much smaller in 2011 than in previous years and there were few arrests.

UConn and our partners will do the same this year. We have asked students not to participate in Spring Weekend and return home if they can. Our message to non-students is this: Do not make plans to come to Storrs next weekend. You will find police officers, DUI checkpoints; closed roads, blocked parking lots and impassable walkways. Non-students will not be permitted in our dorms or dining halls. While campus facilities will be open to serve UConn students next weekend, non-students will find our campus to be inhospitable.

There will still probably be gatherings at the housing complexes or around campus this year. After all, our campus and the surrounding areas are impossible to close off. Our goal, however, is to ensure the crowds are much smaller than in previous years and that the environment is a less volatile one. We do so for the sake of our reputation as one of Connecticut's greatest points of pride and one of the best public universities in America; but more than anything, we want our community, our campus and our students to remain safe.

Susan Herbst is president of the University of Connecticut.

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SPRING WEEKEND: A MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS VP AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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To the University community:

As some of you may know, the event that was known as "Spring Weekend" at UConn devolved over a period of years into a destructive and dangerous tradition that attracted thousands of people with no connection to UConn to large nighttime gatherings in Mansfield over three nights. This consistently resulted in numerous arrests, thousands of dollars in property damage, medical emergencies, thefts, fights, fires, and assaults, to name just a few, and placed our students, this campus, and the town at great risk.

Simply, these gatherings, which were not sanctioned or supported in any way by the University, were a magnet for thousands of non-students who created a toxic atmosphere on and around our campus. This carried with it tragic results: during Spring Weekend 2010, a UConn student named Jafar Karzoun was assaulted off campus, following a gathering at a private housing complex. He died from his injuries days later. A non-student was convicted in Jafar's death. The memory of this tragedy and its implications have not diminished in the time that has passed and continues to guide our thinking today.

With that in mind, UConn students should be aware that between April 19 and 22, the University will be implementing the same measures it did in 2011 during this period. They will include:

- The UConn Police department, as well as Connecticut State Police, will block or limit access to certain roads, parking lots, and pathways on and around campus. **Non-students should not travel to Storrs during this time.**
- The University and police are working closely with the management of the Carriage House and Celeron Square complexes. Access to these areas will be restricted and regulated.
- Guests are barred from residence halls from April 19 to 22. Dining halls will not allow non-students to enter. RAs and other Residential Life staff will enforce this.

Many, both on and off campus, came to see Spring Weekend as an entitlement, despite its destructive nature and the risks and consequences associated with it. All involved should understand that the University's first and greatest concerns are our students, this campus, and the surrounding community. And we must do everything we can to ensure all three remain safe and secure. We ask that you join us in that effort, both for yourselves and for UConn. Looking forward, we will depend on the common desire of our students to have a safe environment and to hold events that the entire University can take pride in and enjoy.

Sincerely,

John Saddlemire

Vice President for Student Affairs

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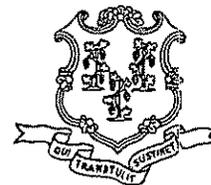
Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police





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STATE POLICE PREPARE FOR UCONN WEEKENDS

The Connecticut State Police working with the University Of Connecticut Police have made preparations to insure public safety in and around UCONN campus as the end of the year weekends are upon us. The Connecticut State Police, Mansfield Resident State Trooper's Office, and State Troopers from State Police Troops across the state, working with the UCONN Police have planned to address any emergency and Law enforcement concerns surrounding the upcoming final weekends of the school year.

All UCONN students have been made aware by University officials that they are responsible for their actions and behavior at all times. UCONN has stated that there are **NO SANCTIONED EVENTS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKENDS**. Students are to be aware that the intent of Law Enforcement is not to hinder their weekends but, Troopers and UCONN PD will ensure that all State and Local laws are abided by at all times for public safety and to prevent lawless behavior. Visitors to campus have been banned by the university. UCONN Police and Connecticut State Troopers will be located both on and off campus starting this weekend and will take necessary and appropriate enforcement action to ensure the safety of all students during the final weekends of the school year. There will be no illegal parking, no possession of alcohol by minors, no driving under the influence, no lewd public behavior, no open containers of any alcohol in Mansfield and no nuisance behavior.

The State Police have added additional manpower to enhance enforcement procedures that are designed to curtail ALL violations of State Law and Local Ordinances. **State Police Troopers will set up DWI checkpoints at Rt. 195 & Rt. 44 In Mansfield on April 19, 2012 April 20, 2012 and April 21, 2012 in Mansfield.**

Any minor (under21) in possession of alcohol is in violation of Connecticut state law. The Town of Mansfield also has local ordinances that prohibits possession of open containers of alcohol in public and ordinances that address nuisance Behavior. **These Ordinances and all State and Local Laws will be strictly enforced.** The University OF CONNECTICUT will be made aware of all arrest that State Police make over all weekends as the school year comes to a close.

The State Police and UCONN effort work in tandem to eliminate all underage drinking in and around the University campus community. UCONN Officials have advised that parking lots and roads will be closed during the weekends and on street parking bans will be in effect and enforced.

The Connecticut State Police will publicly release details of all arrests and summons issued during the weekends. Lt. J. Paul Vance of the State Police will be on site at the Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office to address law enforcement media concerns or questions.

###END###Lt. J. Paul Vance

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