

Submitted by Tulay Luciano 2/4/13

1. The council's Feb.4 agenda on p, 12, there is a letter from the Town Manager Matt Hart to UConn's Jason Coite: "...we saw an opportunity to work collaboratively with UConn to identify additional water supply to serve both University and municipal uses..."

My question is : what does "collaborately" mean in this sentence? Has the town management decided what course of action be taken on water issue? Has the public be informed?

During the "Water Workshop" meeting last summer Rep. Haddad told that there are three options that they are working on. One of them was Mansfield will go alone. Who are the "we"? The 4 Corners Committee or some other group? Will the public be informed and applied for their input in a town hall discussion?

I believe the motto should be "defending Mansfield" not "collaboration with the UConn". UConn has the legislature behind its back. What do we have to protect us? Nobody.

2. This brings me the other connecting issue: The issue raised in my attached letter in the package on Page 107+ to Don Williams to bring back SB 1094 or passing a similar bill through the Connecticut legislature which will ensure that Connecticut DEEP will have the legal authority to regulate the aquifer protection areas of UConn. so that the town of Mansfield will be shielded against UConn.'s unilateral decision making in developing land use and forcing Mansfield to accommodate never ending demands on the town. And DHP will have the legal authority to regulate the development and disposition of watershed land of Uconn.

This request is more timely now that Governor Malloy's ambitious plan of expanding UConn Storrs Campus. Decisions are made behind the closed doors in expense of our towns' infrastructure.

Please show some teeth and defend our town. And please sign on the online petition, which raises the issues outlined above and in the Legislature's Office of Legal Research. There is a link to it.: www.cga.ct.gov/2002/olrdata/et/rpt/2002-R-1008.htm

I am supplying one copy of it.

3. I request that you take off Downtown Partnership out of planning for 4 Corners and King Hill areas.

February 4, 2013

To: Town Council

From: Betty Wassmundt

Several requests:

Kirby Mill project

My question is: what is the council policy regarding the town taxpayer being asked to provide support for a private individual's project? I asked this last council meeting. The town manager replied he would decide if there was a contract suitable for council to sign. Doesn't answer my question. I wrote to you and got no answer. Please tell me your policy.

More policy issues

The taxpayer has paid a handsome sum of money for the consultant used for the school building project; I'm told it's about \$250,000. It seems that this consultant had an inherent conflict of interest since they expected to do the construction. I'd like this town to have a specific policy so that any future consultants hired will have no possibility of any conflict of interest. What is town policy?

Water supply issues

Please explain the partnership between the University and the Town regarding a water supply to the area. I don't remember any such partnership ever being discussed; maybe I missed it. The Town Manager keeps referring to this partnership. **Is there a partnership agreement?**

It's time you stopped saying that Mansfield needs water for the Masonicare project. You know, and you've been told by the people who requested an assisted living facility, that Masonicare is **not** planning to build what the requesting people want. Yet, the Town Manager and Tom Callahan keep saying that Mansfield needs water for Masonicare. Drop the Masonicare excuse. This town doesn't need what Masonicare plans to build and you know it. You're using this as an excuse to support Uconn to bring in water. I might think that Uconn's pulling the puppet strings again.

Consider the need for water at Four Corners. With the current development, there is no need for water. If there is a business that sees an economic opportunity in that area, I'm sure the water issue will be worked out. Bill Thompson, just before he died, gave a suggestion for getting water which should be explored before proceeding with this water "partnership" with Uconn.

And, before you proceed with this water "partnership" you should find out what the taxpayers will support. Don't do what you did with the schools. You spent a huge sum of money only to find out that the public didn't want your school project. I suspect the general public doesn't want your water project.

Rental cars

What is this rental car partnership with Uconn? How much is that costing us? What agreement do we have with Uconn?