

TOWN OF MANSFIELD ■ FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes ■ November 15, 2011

Present: Rawn (chair), Paulus, Reich, Ferrigno, Lennon, Tussing, (UConn), Coite (UConn), Hart, Plante, Hultgren (staff), Painter (staff), Sebonik – guest, Georgio – guest, Jacobs --guest

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by chair Rawn.

Adoption of the minutes was moved to the end of the agenda to allow committee members to review a printed version.

Old Business

- **EIE Status/UConn Coordination Update.** Jason Coite gave a presentation of progress made to date by Milone and McBroom on the joint EIE. Hultgren noted that Environmental Partners is drilling test wells at Eagleville Preserve as previously discussed, and reviewed basic data available from 11/14/11 and 11/15/11. Observation wells were due to be installed on 11/17/11, with yield estimates expected within 3-4 days and water quality data anticipated within 2 weeks. The next site for testing would be determined by revised EIE consultant rankings as they continue to evaluate the different groundwater sites for various environmental concerns.

New Business

Chairman Rawn asked the Committee if there were any new items they wished to discuss or add to the agenda.

- **Bond Referendum.** Hultgren informed the committee that the bond referendum failed to meet the minimum requirement of 15% of eligible voters voting in favor by 7 votes; as such the measure failed even though it was supported by a 3:1 margin. Impact is expected to be minimal at this time as the town still has funds remaining from the previous bond issue and design costs are expected to decrease due to the participation with UConn in the water supply EIE. The Town Council will be looking into the potential of a charter revision with regard to bond referendum requirements. The measure could be added to the July 2012 Town Meeting if the Town Council determines that this is a higher priority than other potential capital projects. Plante asked whether there could be a separate ballot provided for non-resident property owners on future referendums that would allow them to vote on capital project/bond expenditures but not candidates for office. Hart agreed to research and report back at the next meeting.
- **Livability Solutions Technical Assistance Application.** Painter provided an overview of the Technical Assistance Application that the town was planning on filing with Livability Solutions. If awarded, the technical assistance would consist of either a mini design charrette for the Four Corners area or a workshop on green infrastructure. Reich MOVED, Paulus SECONDED, that staff draft a letter of support for signature of the Chair. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Project Guide.** Painter distributed a draft project guide for committee review and requested comments by one week prior to the next committee meeting. Hart requested that headings be searchable when the document is posted on-line.

Correspondence and Meeting Reports

There were no changes to Town Council members assigned to the Four Corners Committee.

Next Meeting and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. , location to be determined. Staff will prepare a meeting calendar for 2012 for adoption at the next meeting, with regular meetings scheduled for

the first Tuesday of the month unless there is a conflict with another meeting, in which case the meeting will be moved to the second Tuesday. Meetings will start at 7:00 p.m.

The following agenda items were identified for the next meeting:

- Old Business
 - Bond Referendum
 - UCONN EIE update
 - Project Guide
- New Business
 - Economic Development Commission

Approval of Minutes

Reich MOVED, Paulus SECONDED to approve the October 5, 2011 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously; Plante and Paulhus abstained.

Adjournment

Paulus MOVED, Plante SECONDED to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development