

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 11, 2011  
Council Chambers, Audrey Beck Municipal Building

**Minutes**

Present: N. Hunter, R. Orr, C. Paulhus, J. Hintz, N. Silander, W. Simpson, W. Wendt, J. Saddlemire, R. Hudd, B. Paterson

Staff: C. van Zelm (*MDP*), L. Painter (*Town of Mansfield*)

1. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:01pm. Members reintroduced themselves.

2. August 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Orr.

3. Co-Chair Reports

No Reports

4. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: van Zelm provided a Storrs Center construction update. The Celebrate Mansfield Weekend went well. The planning committee will be meeting to debrief about the event.

b. *MCCP*: Hintz provided an update. MCCP finished the annual Fall Welcome Visits (door-to-door off-campus) and Neighborhood Cookout. Not as many volunteers this year for door-to-door effort, but the cookout was well attended.

c. *Town/UCONN Water Supply Project*: Painter provided an update regarding the joint Town/UCONN water study. The study will analyze groundwater options and options that connect to existing water supply systems (Windham, Tolland) for the Tech Park and additional municipal uses. Financial and environmental factors will be considered in the analysis. The RFP has been released for the study.

5. Fall Semester Off- Campus Activity

Due to the absence of key Town staff, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

6. New England Rail Coalition

Painter provided an update on the effort to restore passenger rail from New London, CT to northern Vermont. Several municipalities that would have stops along the proposed rail line have signed a Memorandum of Agreement to participate in jointly in applying for

funds to study the proposal. This does not commit the municipalities to any financial resources. The current objective of the coalition is gather support from stakeholders.

7. Other Business/Announcements

None

8. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

None

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Hintz

Director of Off-Campus Student Services, University of Connecticut