

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, December 11, 2012  
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

**Minutes**

**Present:** J. Armstrong, P. Barry, M. Hart, M. Kirk, E. Paterson, C. Paulhus, J. Saddlemire, N. Silander, W. Simpson, W. Wendrt

**Staff:** M. Capriola, L. Painter (*Town*), van Zelm (*MDP*)

**1. Call To Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

**2. November 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Hart made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Silander. Motion passed with all in favor except Paulhus who abstained. Simpson was not present for the vote.

**3. Updates:**

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership:* van Zelm reported on business opening dates for Phase 1A commercial spaces. An update was provided on apartment rental leasing for the next phase of the project. A sidewalk construction update was offered.

b. *MCCP:* Armstrong reported on the initiative between the Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office, UConn Off-Campus Student Services, UConn Community Standards Office, and UConn PD. The parties have met 3-4 times to address matters related to off-campus behavioral concerns, problems, and (activity) hot-spots. MCCP will present its draft "Pedestrian Safety Campaign" to the University's Pedestrian Safety Committee next week. The status of sidewalk construction on South and North Eagleville Roads was discussed.

c. *Town/UCONN Water Supply EIE.* Painter reminded the Committee that a public hearing will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Bishop Center. The public comment period concludes December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**4. University Use of Bergin Correctional Institution**

Kirk discussed potential University uses of Bergin such as laboratories, technology uses, warehousing, etc. Costs and length of a lease will determine the extent of possible uses.

**5. Other Business/Announcements**

The Local First Mansfield campaign and its December 16<sup>th</sup> event were announced. On December 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a gift wrapping event at the Mansfield Community Center with proceeds going to the Mansfield Holiday Fund.

The Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office "stuff a cruiser" event was a success. Toy, food, and monetary donations were received and will be distributed to community members in need during the holiday season.

Future agenda items were identified: Transportation Advisory Committee walkway plan and an update on municipal capital projects.

#### **6. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee**

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road. Mr. Freudmann disclosed his affiliation with the Town Council and the Finance Sub-Committee but indicated he was speaking as an individual. Mr. Freudmann spoke to several issues including the percentage of the UConn Co-op property that is considered taxable property and the tax status of the UConn Tech Park.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Paulhus made the motion, seconded by Silander to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maria E. Capriola, M.P.A.  
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