

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Berthelot, Bruder, Fratoni, Freudmann, Kochenburger, Moran, Schurin, Shaiken

Excused: Ausburger

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bruder **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion **passed** unanimously.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Raluca Mocanu, Maple Road, discussed the importance of pollinators to the food supply and asked the Council to pass the pollinator resolution.

5. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Interim Town Manager John Carrington presented his written report.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Moran reported that a section of the oak tree removed from the town square is available for a wood working project to recognize the Town and its history and asked for proposals; she attended Opening Day of the General Assembly, a Legislative Session of the Capitol Region Council of Governments, and a Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency membership meeting; the School Building Committee is currently planning to name the new elementary school Mansfield Elementary School; and the Mansfield Board of Education plans to place a referendum to bond for a new roof at the Mansfield Middle School on the November 2020 ballot.

Mr. Schurin reported that he attended a Freedom of Information (FOI) presentation hosted by the Town with other Mansfield committee members.

Mr. Bruder reported that he also attended the FOI presentation and that he and his daughter had a good time at the Town's annual Valentine's Dance.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. UConn Position on Sewer Connections (Item #8A, 1-13-20 Agenda)

Mr. Freudmann **moved** and Mr. Shaiken seconded, effective February 10, 2020, to authorize Mayor Moran to send her proposed letter to UConn President Katsouleas. Motion **passed** unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pollinator Friendly Community Resolution

Sustainability Committee Chair Lynn Stoddard and Recycling Coordinator Virginia Walton provided a brief background and answered questions regarding the Pollinator Friendly Community Resolution.

Mr. Fratoni **moved** and Mr. Shaiken seconded, effective February 10, 2020, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Resolution Declaring the Town of Mansfield a Pollinator Friendly Community. Said resolution shall be entered in the index of Policy Resolutions of the Mansfield Town Council. Motion **passed** unanimously.

B. Review Of Fall Off Campus Activity

Sergeant Keith Timme, Fire Chief Fran Raiola, and Director of Building and Housing Inspection Michael Nintean presented data regarding off campus enforcement and public safety activities.

Mr. Freudmann **moved** and Mr. Fratoni seconded to immediately suspend enforcement of all aspects of the Off-Street Parking at Residential Rental Properties Ordinance.

In support of his motion, Mr. Freudmann asserted that the Ordinance violates the rights of students. Councilors debated this point, citing quality of life and safety concerns without enforcement of the Ordinance.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to move the question. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Motion to suspend enforcement **failed** with all against except Mr. Freudmann who voted in favor.

C. Appointments to Regional Boards and Committees

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded, effective February 10, 2020, to appoint Mayor Moran to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership coterminous with her service as Mayor, retroactively reappoint Elizabeth Paterson as chair of Eastern Highlands Health District from 10/4/2018 – 10/4/2021, appoint Steven Ferrigno, Chair of the Economic Development Commission, to a term on the board of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, and refer the remaining vacancies (if any) on the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Windham

Regional Transit District, and Eastern Regional Tourism District to the Committee on Committees for review and action. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Mayor Moran asked the Committee on Committees to reach out to the Commission on Aging and ask if a member of the Commission would be willing to serve on the Windham Regional Transit District.

D. Financial Statements Dated December 31, 2019

Mr. Kochenburger, by recommendation of the Finance Committee, **moved** effective February 10, 2020, to accept the Financial Statements dated December 31, 2019. Motion **passed** unanimously.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Bruder reported that the Committee on Committees will discuss the Human Rights Commission at their next meeting.

10. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. T. Lewis, TEC Associates, NECR 2020 Vegetation Control Program (1-20-20)**
- B. H. Marcy (1-23-20)**
- C. P. Maines (1-26-20)**
- D. Z. Donald, E.O. Smith Students Petition (1-27-20)**
- E. T. Maines (1-27-20)**
- F. Prandy-Krampitz Family (1-27-20)**
- G. A. Cramer (1-28-20)**
- H. J. Mark, Chair RSD 19 (2-6-20)**
- I. 2nd Annual Friends and Farmers of Mansfield Flyer**

12. FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Schurin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor

Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk