

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, April 7, 2016**

**Mansfield Town Hall
Conference Room C**

3:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Committee Chair Philip Lodewick, Steve Bacon, Honey Birkenruth, Betsy Paterson, Steve Rogers

Guest: Board member Tom Callahan

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2016

Honey Birkenruth made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2016. Steve Bacon seconded the motion. Steve Rogers abstained. The minutes were approved with one abstention.

3. Solicitation of New Board Members

Ms. Birkenruth approached Steve Smith of Dog Lane Cafe to fill Mona Friedland's position on the Board and he has agreed to have his name placed into nomination at the Annual Meeting in June.

Mr. Lodewick said he spoke to UConn President Susan Herbst about stepping down when his term ends on June 30, after 15 years as a Board member and President.

Mr. Rogers has spoken to Mansfield Business and Professional Association (MBPA) Chair Bonnie Kumiega about filling his MBPA appointed position that he has also filled for 15 years.

4. Solicitation of Officers and Committee Chairs

Mr. Bacon said he has agreed to serve as President, for a one year time period, to be re-visited after one year.

The Committee discussed the positions of Vice President and Secretary and made recommendations. Mr. Lodewick will approach the two people recommended by the Nominating Committee.

5. Interviews for UConn Student Rep (May 5 before Board meeting?)

It was determined that many Nominating Committee members will not be available on May 5 to interview potential UConn student reps for the Board. Ms. van Zelm will solicit additional meeting dates from the Committee and the two UConn students who have applied for the position.

6. Discussion of Annual Meeting (June 14 or June 15?)

Mr. Lodewick will approach Howard Kaufman, CEO of LeylandAlliance, to see if he can speak at the Annual meeting.

He will ask the Board today for a preferred date for the Annual Meeting.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm