

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of March 30, 2011**

**Present:** Chairman Kevin Moran, Vice Chairman George Dentino, Clerk Douglas Annino  
Selectman Jess Aptowitz, Selectman Olivier Kozlowski  
William Ross, Town Manager.

**Absent:**

**Animal Welfare Committee interview**

Erika Cervasio, 30 Bella Vista Ave. Ms. Cervasio is a local veterinarian who would like to volunteer to assist the committee.

The Board of Selectmen welcomed Dr. Cervasio and thanked her for wanting to donate her time to the Animal Welfare Committee.

**Motion:** To appoint Dr. Cervasio as an alternate for a term to expire January 1, 2012.  
Aptowitz/Kozlowski 5:0 passes

**Zoning Board of Appeals appointment**

Chairman Moran stated that Mr. Clemmey had submitted a letter requesting that his application for ZBA be reconsidered. He then asked the board for nominations.

**Motion:** To appoint David Luca to an alternate seat on the ZBA. (Kozlowski/Annino)  
3:2 passes (Annino/Aptowitz nay)

**Motion:** Karl Clemmey (Dentino) no second

**Motion:** Anthony Vallone (Kozlowski) no second

Selectman Dentino stated that in the past applicants have had to wait several weeks to several months to be interviewed. He would like to see a standard put in place.

Chairman Moran suggested that applicants for all boards and committees be interviewed in two weeks from applying.

## Annual Town Meeting warrant articles

Andy Gazzolo, Finance Committee Chairman, addressed the Board of Selectmen on the FY12 budget.

After a brief synopsis of where the municipal and school budgets are at, Chairman Moran stated that the FinComm will be back to provide a full budget presentation in the next few weeks.

Mr. Ross provided the board with additions or deletions on various articles.

Article 13: Local meals tax: Selectman Annino is not in favor of an additional tax on our businesses. Selectman Aptowitz does not believe in adding this tax as well, however, he also thinks that perhaps they should put it on the warrant for town meeting to decide. Selectman Kozlowski agrees that he does not like to see additional taxes. Selectman Dentino stated that while he too does not support additional taxes, this one is "self inflicted" you don't have to pay it if you don't eat out. And if you do, it is pennies on the dollar. However, those pennies add up for needed town revenue.

Chairman Moran stated that it is not a tax on business; it is a tax on the consumer. After a brief discussion among the members a motion was made.

**Motion:** To withdraw article from warrant. (Kozlowski/Annino) 2:3 fails (Dentino/Moran/Aptowitz nay)

Article 16: Eames property acquisition. Selectman Dentino asked a couple of questions on the value of the property. The Eames family trust would like to sell the parcel to the town at the assessed value. However, the board is not sure it is worth much to the town as it is land locked by town property.

Article 23: Retiree post employment benefits. (OPEB) will most likely be withdrawn at town meeting.

Article 26: Police Dept. detail revolving fund. Mr. Ross suggested combining this article with language from a previous article that incorporated protective custody fees. Chief O'Neill provided the Board of Selectmen a brief review of what the article entailed.

**Motion:** To increase fee to \$40,000 from \$20,000. (Aptowitz/Annino) 5:0 passes

Article 28: Fire alarm system updates. Fire Chief Boldrighini is present to provide overview of article to the Board of Selectmen.

Article 29: This would establish a revolving fund to support the above system.

Article 32: Public intoxication. Chief O'Neill stated that it is important to remember that this is for when people are so intoxicated that they need protective custody of the police. The fee is to have a chilling effect on people that need to utilize this type of police service. Selectman Kozlowski would like to add the sentence "taken into protective custody" into the article language.

The Board of Selectmen would also like to link this article to article 26.

Mr. Ross stated that this warrant is still in draft form but he wanted the Board of Selectmen to review the articles before they were posted.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board of Selectmen could not agree on a date to set town meeting.

### **Mitch Negus - Eagle Scout project**

Mr. Negus is a member of Boy Scout Troop 17 and working towards the rank of Eagle Scout. He has chosen a project to build a bridge that traverses the small stream in front of the Jordan/Jackson School (JJ). He has handouts and several pictures of the stream area in question, in order to show the need for a foot bridge next to the school playing fields.

All of the photos are of the intended location for the bridge, behind the JV field's backstop. There are also photos of the already present makeshift plank, which he hopes to replace with a much sturdier and safer alternative. The other pictures are of another frequently used crossing behind the 1st base dugout.

Both areas are already seriously eroded, and the boards on the Backstop crossing are wobbly and risky for everyone.

He also has an aerial photo of the area. This photo shows where the intended bridge, as well as the other Dugout Crossing, is located in relation to the Jordan/Jackson School and parking lot. This shot also points to the location of the existing bridge that crosses the stream. It allows you to see just how far away that bridge is from the far field and helps provide a better understanding for why people cross the stream farther down, and why he feels the bridge is so important.

Selectman Annino asked about the town's liability if anything would happen to the boy scouts or people involved. Scout Master Ham stated that the council does have insurance for their organization. Michael Trowbridge, Trowbridge Engineering, will also be helping in the project as well.

Selectman Kozlowski stated that the Judy's Ln. bridge in the Great Woods is currently under construction so Mr. Negus may want to go and see how they are doing.

**Motion:** To support project and commend Mr. Negus in his dedication to his community.  
(Annino/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

## Q & C

Karl Clemmey, Essex St. Mr. Clemmey has several ideas as outlined below.

- 495 Northbound exit ramp ideas.
- Downtown planning issues on Cottage St. and surrounding area.
- Innovative Idea Program should have a committee.
- Board of Selectmen members should spend more time on town matters than Wednesday nights.

## Weekly Business

Warrant No. 11039T in the amount of \$1,306,971.75

**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:1 passes (Dentino nay)

Warrant No. 11039E in the amount of \$20,978.71

**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 11039PT in the amount of \$247,083.44

**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:1 passes (Dentino nay)

Warrant No. 11039TV in the amount of \$78,948.99

**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

Warrant No. 11039PS in the amount of \$1,310,731.04

**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 3:1:1 passes (Dentino nay)

Warrant No. 11039SV in the amount of \$422,425.57

**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:1 passes (Dentino nay)

- Meeting minutes of March 16, 2011.  
**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes
- Meeting minutes of March 23, 2011.  
**Motion:** HOLD - adjective GD

- Application for parade permit from supporters of New Hope. May 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 11am at Mansfield Holiday Inn through park and back to Inn. Public safety has approved.

**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

- Application for Veterans Day Parade on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am

**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

- Change of Officer (Board of Directors) for Bertucci's

**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes

- Recommendation for Grants for 2011 from the NPGF

This list is the recommendations of the Non-Profit Gift Fund Committee for donations for the fiscal year, 2010. For your information, we received fifteen applications and recommend grants to twelve. With a total of \$36,105.86 available, the grants are as follows:

**TOWN:**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Beautification Committee         | \$2,200               | South & East Common town signs               |
| Parks & Rec Cemetery Restoration | 1,500                 | Documentation of the Old Town Cemetery       |
| Veterans' Affairs                | 1,000                 | Donation to replacing the S. Common flagpole |
| Memorial Park/Girls Softball     | 7,750                 | Remake of softball field<br>Memorial Park    |
|                                  | <b>Total \$12,450</b> |  |

**SCHOOLS:**

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|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Mansfield Band Parents | \$5,350              | 2 piccolo's, cymbals, French horn, PA system |
| Booster Club           | \$1,600              | Trophy case and digital photo frame          |
|                        | <b>Total \$6,950</b> |  |

**OTHER:**

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| Eagle Scout Project 1                          | \$ 140 | Sign at Great Woods at Coddling Family home site         |
| Eagle Scout Project 2                          | 2,500  | Bridge at J/J for students crossing to fields on East St |
| Foods & Friends 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church | 4,920  | Improvements at soup kitchen to continue meals           |
| MIDS   | 1,145  | Purchase of industrial totes to collect recyclable paper |
| MMAS   | 5,000  | Lighting console and equipment                           |

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| Natural Resources Trust | 3,000 | Bridge construction to<br>conservation land, Judy's Lane |
| Total                   |       | <b>\$16,705</b>  |

**Motion:** To approve. (Kozlowski/Annino) 4:0:1 (Aptowitz abstain)  
 Selectman Aptowitz disclosed that he is involved in fundraising for S. Common  
 flagpole.

### Correspondence

- Letter from the Garden Club requesting the closure of Park Row for the annual plant sale on May 14<sup>th</sup>. They would also like to set up two signs at the South and North Common from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>.  
**Motion:** To approve request as listed. (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 5:0 passes
- Letter from SRPEDD. Appointments to the Commission and JTPG are coming due soon.
- Letter from Boy Scout Troop 17 announcing Eagle Court of Honor on May 7<sup>th</sup> for Matthew Small.
- Letter from Keep Mansfield Beautiful mural committee.

### Town Managers Report

- Just became member of MEGA group, our workers compensation carrier.
- He has spoken with resident that is concerned with reoccurring dirty water at their residence. He is working with DPW to assist them.

### BOS Updates

NONE discussed this evening.

- Selectman Kozlowski:
- Selectman Aptowitz:
- Selectman Annino:
- Selectman Dentino:
- Chairman Moran:

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Adjourn meeting at 10:25pm to resume meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 7pm for the sole purpose of setting a town meeting date. (Aptowitz) 5:0 passes

*Douglas Annino*

Signature of Clerk

*April 6, 2011*

Date of Approval