

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of February 20, 2008**

**Present:** Chairman Louis Amoruso, Vice Chairman Sandra Levine, Clerk Ann Baldwin, Selectman David McCarter, Selectman George Dentino, John D'Agostino, Town Manager

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Swearing in ceremony**

Police Chief O'Neil introduced the two new Sergeants. Ronald Sellon and Tracy Juda have been promoted to the position of Sergeant.

Both Ron and Tracy are Mansfield natives and still live here with their families.

Ron has worked for the Police Dept. for 12 years and holds a Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Ron will be graduating with his Juris Doctorate degree this year from the MA School of Law.

Tracy has worked for the Police dept. for 14 years and holds an Associate's degree in Accounting and a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. She is a certified Police Motorcycle Instructor and currently a member of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council's Mobile Operation's Division motorcycle unit.

Another cadet has gone to training at police academy and will be joining the police force soon. Det. Sam Thompson will be graduating from FBI advanced training soon as well.

### **Change of manager hearing**

BOAH dba Mansfield Sportsplex: Robert Hickey is the owner and would like to be the Manager of record for the liquor license as well.

Due to a streamlining process with the business operations Mr. Hickey is asking for the Boards approval to become the Manager of Record himself instead of an employee as he's just about always on the premises anyway.

Selectman Dentino welcomed Mr. Hickey and is glad the business is doing well. Selectman Levine asked what the hours of operation are for the business. The Courtside Pub is not always open but the fitness center is open for the full business hours.

Selectman McCarter stated that Mr. Hickey runs a fine establishment and does not have any further questions. Selectman Baldwin also does not have any additional questions.

**Motion:** Approve Mr. Hickey as the new manager. (McCarter/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

### Amante Restaurant update

Peter Kuplast of Amante Restaurant appeared before the Board with Realtor Ed Tartufo. Mr. Kuplast had been struggling with the purchase of the property and hopes to have everything set by March 1, 2008. He would be breaking ground immediately in March once the funds for the project have been finalized.

Mr. Kuplast will return the license within the coming months if this deal does not come together as not to hold up the license for someone else.

The board is satisfied that Mr. Kuplast is trying diligently to put the deal together for his restaurant and looks forward to dining there in the future. Mr. Kuplast is a long time Mansfield resident and the board is supportive of his restaurant plans. The board asked Mr. Kuplast to check back with them by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Questions and Comments

None

### Town Managers Report

- Funding of extra Sergeant position needed at the Police Dept will be discussed at the upcoming budget meeting.
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm there will be a meeting for the Great Mansfield Clean up day in May. Volunteers and donations are needed so please sign up.
- Budget meetings with the Finance Committee and dept heads are under way.
- Scheduling of town meeting is still undetermined. A special within the annual will be needed for budget overages.
- Special Counsel contract with Atty. Bill August for negotiation of Verizon contract will need to be signed by the Board. 132 hours within one year would be the maximum time allowable under the proposed contract. \$10,000 retainer (not to be exceeded) could be added to contract language. Request by Selectman McCarter that Atty. August notify the Board when the \$10,000 cap is being approached as part of a running tally of billing. Selectman Levine asked if Town Counsel has seen this contract. No he hasn't but Atty. August will be special counsel for the Town not Verizon so he has the Town's interest in mind.  
**Motion:** To approve contract not to exceed \$10,000 at this current time.  
(Dentino/McCarter) 5:0 passes

- The Mansfield Crossing developer will go before the Conservation Commission before coming to the Board for approval of tree trimming.
- Gary Babin, Light Dept. Director has requested that the Board meet two additional times on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> for issues that need to be addressed.
- Mr. D'Agostino passed out a packet of information on budget line items that Selectman Dentino requested at a previous meeting.

## Weekly Business

- Warrant No. 34 in the amount of \$1,890,025.26  
**Motion:** To approve warrant No. 34 in the amount of \$1,890,025.26 (McCarter/Levine) (Mr. McCarter abstaining from check #380371)  
 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)
- Meeting minutes of January 30, 2008  
**Motion:** To approve minutes. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Applications for entertainment licenses for MMAS. They are requesting waiver of license fee as a non profit.  
**Motion:** Approval of license and waiver of fees upon building inspection. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- All alcohol retail package store license for Corks fine wine and liquors back from ABCC.  
**Motion:** To sign approved license. (Baldwin/Levine) 5:0 passes
- Drainlayer license application for REBCO, Inc.  
**Motion:** Approved. (Baldwin/McCarter) 5:0 passes
- Application for parade permit from Mansfield little league for 4-19-08.  
**Motion:** Approved. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

## Correspondence

- Letter from Lorilee Fish, Great Mansfield clean up team regarding the community information meeting next Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm here at townhall. Two donations in the amount of \$250 each have been received for this event.  
**Motion:** To accept donations and send letter of thanks. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

- Letter from Atty. Mangiaratti regarding the new trench safety law. The town needs to designate a board or officer to serve as the permit granting authority.  
**Motion:** Tabled for further discussion.
- Resignation from Phyllis Donovan of the WWII Scholarship Fund.  
**Motion:** To accept resignation and send thank you letter. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Email correspondence from Mansfield resident Ellie Lea. Mrs. Lea is requesting permission to display a 4x6 sign on the North and South Commons. They are having their annual fundraiser "Hearts at Play" on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to donate automated external defibrillators (AED's) to the Mansfield baseball and soccer fields as well as the benefit pediatric cardiac research at Children's Hospital. Contact Ellie at 337-3536 or log onto [www.heartsatplay.org](http://www.heartsatplay.org) for more information.  
**Motion:** To approve use of sign on commons. (McCarter/Levine) 5:0 passes
- Email request from Ben Yeransian of the Haunted Hollows team for permission to use town owned land on Maple St.  
**Motion:** To approve use of land for Halloween project. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Letter from Nancy Olson of the Garden Club. They will be holding their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and are requesting permission to set up two 8x4 signs on both of the North and South Commons from May 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. They would also like to close Park Row at 5am on the day of the event through 1pm.  
**Motion:** (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Letter from Pan Mass Challenge Director Billy Starr seeking approval and permission to have PMC route signs posted through the area they pass.  
**Motion:** (Levine/McCarter) 5:0 passes
- Application from Marilyn Lewis to renew her position on the Mansfield Housing Corp. Board of Directors. Term to expire 2011.  
**Motion:** To appoint Marilyn Lewis to the Housing Corp. Board of Directors. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Request from Janet Campbell, Library Director to accept grant funds.  
**Motion:** To accept grant funds for the library. (Dentino/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

## Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Chairman Amoruso: none
- Old business from Selectman Dentino:
- Old business for Selectman McCarter: The Board has not been able to come to consensus on the RFP process for the Fales Oil Property. There are a lot of constrictions on the property and the board has not been able to structure a way to honor the town meeting vote of giving the property to the MMAS for \$1 while protecting the Town's interest at the same time.

Questions about the town possibly joining the GIC state health insurance plan. There is a waiting period to join this plan and it is run much differently than the SE health group that the town is presently in. The Town Manager is still looking into what info would be required to join.

- Old business for Selectman Baldwin: None
- Old business for Selectman Levine: Martin Swartz the cable guy has been ill and he will be coming back next week. Best wishes to get well Martin.

Officer Lawson will be looking into the traffic issues on Giles Place. She would like to see the Planning Board address the shrubbery issue if this is part of their permit process.

Selectman Levine would also like to have a workshop regarding the IMA process as she is still unclear on what the whole concept is. There is an IMA meeting tomorrow night and Selectman Dentino would be glad to go over it with her. Mr. D'Agostino also suggested that the Board meet with Dave Young and other staff members to go over this information. Possible March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm meeting to discuss this issue before the regular board meeting.

Questions about Mirrione Corp. in regards to the affordable housing concept that Mr. Mirrione presented last week. The houses would be very small on just as small of pieces of property. She feels that these units would not be as "affordable" as people think for what they are getting. Mr. Mirrione's profit however would be considerable.

Election signs need to be taken down at West St. and 140. School St. and 140.

- New business from Selectman Baldwin: Have the NE Folk Festival contacted us regarding their upcoming event? No, we should contact them to come in.

Please reschedule Mark and Lee to come in for a road work discussion.

- New business for Selectman McCarter: Would like to see the contract negotiations started with the Tweeter Center.  
**Motion:** To send contract out for review by dept. heads and have the Town Manager be the point person. (McCarter/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- New business from Selectman Dentino: Questions about the Folk Festival to whom have they been talking within the town? They have a detailed brochure produced but have not contacted the Town Managers nor the Selectmen's office about their plans.

Lighting at the Train Station on the North side is very dark. The pole facing the Station (near the rt. 106 walkway) would be a good spot for a light.

Some mailboxes that were hit by plows during the last snow will be replaced soon.

Questions about the town policy regarding tire/car damage from potholes. The Town needs to be notified of the pothole and have the opportunity to fit any problems before claims can be honored by our insurance carrier. The Town needs more funds to fix our infrastructure but has not had it in recent years.

Questions about town cars that still do not have town seals on them.

**Motion:** To put town seals on all town cars with few exceptions.  
 (Dentino/Baldwin) 3:2 fails (Levine/McCarter/Amoruso nay)

Discussion: Selectman Levine asks why this is necessary. Selectman Baldwin asked how much this would cost to do. The Town Manager stated there are only a few cars that do not have the seal on them.

**Amendment to motion:** To add the Town Manager to the exception list with the Police Chief and under cover police vehicles. (Baldwin/Dentino) (Levine nay)  
 4:1 passes

Questions about the Community Development grants for housing upgrades, down town façade, and rehab center upgrade. John will get the board the information.

- New business from Selectman Levine: None

- New business from Chairman Amoruso: Questions about trains blowing their whistles. Would like to have MBTA or reps. come to meeting to discuss this issue. Resident Steven Passanisi has been addressing this issue with MBTA.

### Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn at 9:55PM  
(McCarter) 5-0 Passes

*Ann-Margaret Baldwin*

Signature of Clerk

*March 19, 2008*

Date of Approval