

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of February 6, 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.

IMA workshop

David Young, CDM Representative, State Reps. Betty Poirier and Jay Barrows were present for meeting.

Update on inter municipal agreement (IMA) contract for sewer/waste water usage. Mansfield, Norton and Foxboro are the towns involved in this contract.

CDM has been working with the town on bringing up the plant and expanding capacity by a million plus gallons. There have been several options considered and the idea of creating a "waste water district" plan has been the favored regional solution. (Alternate E-2A: 1.64 mgd expansion at existing water plant in Norton. Effluent recharge at Pine St. site near the plant.) This has been approved by the subcommittee group but still needs to be voted by the Water/Sewer Commissioners in each town and then on to town meeting for final approval.

Rep. Barrows stated that he; Rep. Poirier and Senator Timilty have been diligently working on this project at the state level. Rep. Poirier interjected that Rep. Barrows has been the leading force behind this initiative and has really pushed the regional approach with DEP, EPA and the towns involved. A regional plan vs. each town going on their own will be a huge cost savings to the rate payer. Wheaton College in Norton is also very interested in joining this collaborative.

Selectman McCarter asked about the make up of the proposed plan. Mansfield would drop down to 53 percent "ownership" of the plant. He is concerned about giving up control but recognizes that Mansfield will still have 3 representatives (vs. two on the other towns) and by sharing capacity the town will realize significant cost savings than by going alone.

Selectman Dentino reiterated reps Barrows and Poirier's position and whole heartedly agrees with them. Effluent recharge sites are difficult to find so this regional plan also favors that aspect as one site vs. three will be needed.

Reps Barrows and Poirier assured the Board that they are only looking for their approval of pursuing the regional plan option at this time. Further votes from the Board and town meeting would still be needed to implement the plan.

Motion: To support the concept of a regional plan. (Levine/Dentino)

Motion withdrawn until further discussion at tomorrow nights 7pm sewer meeting.

Questions and Comments

None

Town Managers Report

- Long and short term debt recap as requested by Selectman McCarter.
- Back cover ad for Mansfield Air Race program will cost \$1000. Selectman McCarter suggested that the Airport Commission be asked to fund it.
- Foam Fab building and property re-use discussion.
- Casey O'Connor Pub grand opening will be 2-15-08.
- Life science symposium in April is under way and invitation will go out shortly.
- Job classification summary of work done so far. Information is still being gathered and compiled so the report is not completed yet.

Weekly Business

- Warrant No. 32 in the amount of \$3,983,650.99
Motion: To approve warrant No. 32 in the amount of \$3,983,650.99 (McCarter/Levine) (Mr. McCarter abstaining from check #379783)
4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Baldwin abstains from check in the amount of \$45.33
Levine abstains from check in the amount of \$449.22
McCarter abstains from check in the amount of \$226.03
- Meeting minutes of December 12, 2007
Motion: To approve minutes. (Baldwin/Levine) 4:0:1 passes (McCarter abstains as he was not present for meeting.)
- Meeting minutes of December 19, 2007
Motion: To approve minutes. (Levine/McCarter) 4:0:1 passes (Baldwin abstains as she was not present for meeting.)
- Meeting minutes of January 9, 2008
Motion: To approve minutes (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

- Meeting minutes of January 16, 2008
Motion: To approve minutes (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Application for Drainlayers license for Albanese D&S Inc.
Motion: (Levine/Baldwin) 4:0 passes

Correspondence

- Letter from Eric Baldwin, Championship Director of the Deutsche Bank Championship. They have once again donated \$35,000 to the town for any purpose the board sees fit.
Motion: Accept funds for NPGF and send letter of thanks (Baldwin/Levine) 5:0 passes
- Letter from Brona Simon, State Historic Preservation Officer. The MA Historical Commission is pleased to inform you that the Spring Brook Cemetery has been accepted by the National Park Service for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Letter from Leonard Flynn, President of the Natural Resources Trust. He would like to commend John Sullivan, Town Engineer and Mike Ahern, Special Projects Manager for the terrific job on the design and construction of the access way to the sewer main off Plymouth St. This provides the townspeople a natural walking trail in the woods. The finished trail is eight feet wide and planted with natural vegetation.
- Memo from Brenda Hodges, Superintendent of Schools. Due to primary election day on Tuesday, February 5th the High School and Quarters Middle School students will start school at 9:45AM. Students should be at their assigned bus stops by 9:10AM. School will be dismissed at the usual time of 1:49PM.
Motion: To send letter of thanks to super. (McCarter/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Chairman Amoruso: None
- Old business from Selectman Dentino: None
- Old business for Selectman McCarter: None
- Old business for Selectman Baldwin: None

Old business for Selectman Levine: None

- New business from Selectman Baldwin: Would like to ask the board to let Neal write off some old debt.

March 3rd possible meeting for light dept business.

CIP question about February 12th posting. March 4th is the new date. There has been quite a bit of discussion and debate on when to schedule the meeting and who can attend which nights. John will talk to Shaun to possibly get a sooner date.

Tentative date for town meeting yet? No, the budget numbers are not set yet so we can't nail down an actual date until then.

- New business from Selectman Dentino: Future agenda question about ambulance receipts discussion on February 20th. Ask Comstar to come as well. Question about yearly report from Water Dept. in March. Statement about email from Atty. Kesten re: request of transcripts and payment of such.
Motion: Not to pay for transcripts as the Board did not authorize. (Dentino) motion failed due to lack of second.

Selectman Dentino and Lenny Flynn went to the Easton South Coast Trail meeting and the town did not express an opinion on which plan to support.

Selectman Dentino still has questions about the budget and salary increases. John would like to have George come into the office and they will go over what ever he would like. George does not want to come into the office and talk with John. He would like it to be discussed publicly. John explained that he can not do that as he can not properly respond to his questions if he doesn't know the specifics.

- New business from Selectman McCarter: Call from resident about Mansfield Crossing signs. There is tree removal scheduled in the area that MA Highway, the Planning Board, Conservation and the BOS need to approve. The developer needs to come to a board meeting for approval. Lenny Flynn commented that as President of the Open Space Committee that he objected to this tree removal plan.
- New business from Selectman Levine: None

New business from Chairman Amoruso: Received email from resident about the transcript order issue and hopes he is listening for the Board's response.

Letter from Atty. Bill August re: Verizon VIOS contract. A new Cable Advisory Committee will be set up to go over negotiations.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 10:10PM
(McCarter) 5-0 Passes

Ann-Margaret Baldwin

Signature of Clerk

March 5, 2008

Date of Approval