

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of January 30, 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 8:30pm after the Light Commissioners meeting.

### **Planning Board applicant interview**

Donald Cleary is a new applicant for an alternate member term on the Planning Board. This 2010 term was vacated by Beth Ashman Collins when she became a full member.

Mr. Cleary is a mortgage broker by trade and is interested in working with the Planning Board.

Selectman Dentino is glad that Mr. Cleary is volunteering his service and noted that it is beneficial to start as an alternate member. He asked if Mr. Cleary would have any conflicts with his being a mortgage broker. Mr. Cleary assured the Board that if that were to happen he would recuse himself from that particular issue.

Selectman Levine states that she too was going to ask the question about any conflicts but Selectman Dentino already asked. Thank you for your service and welcome.

Selectman McCarter asked Mr. Cleary about the acronyms after his name. Mr. Cleary is an engineer and holds several certifications.

Selectman Baldwin's questions have already been asked by the other members.

Chairman Amoruso asked how Mr. Cleary would handle denying requests from applicants. Mr. Cleary believes in dealing with people fairly and equally.

**Motion:** Move to appoint Mr. Cleary to an alternate member with a term expiring Jan 2010. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

### **Questions and Comments**

None

## Town Managers Report

- Life/science symposium to be held in April. 14 companies are already in Business Park that are involved in life/science work and the town would like to attract more.
- Budget reviews are still underway. Areas of concern are DPW, Police and Fire.
- Charter change discussion with town counsel revealed that any charter change must be done by a formal charter review commission. There is a document available in the Town Clerks office that fully explains the process.
- Contract negotiations by committee was discussed two weeks ago. Selectman Dentino mentioned that Ashland does this however; when the Town Manager asked Ashland officials about this, they stated that they did not bargain by committee. They do it basically the way Mansfield does it with the school bargaining by committee but not the municipal side. Selectman McCarter stated that he would like to see more communication between the bargaining agent(s) and the Board.

## Town Managers review

Chairman Amoruso reviewed the over all score and scores of sub parts of Town Managers review.

Town Manager D'Agostino stated that he always looked at the evaluation process as a learning experience. It's a time to reflect on constructive criticism and praise.

Chairman Amoruso stated that in addition to a number rating there is a spot on each section for comments. Selectman Levine stated that she had a difficult time doing the evaluation as she is a new member and did leave some sections blank. Selectman Baldwin suggested she meet with Mr. D'Agostino to discuss her comments on the evaluation as most employees get to meet with their employer for an evaluation. Selectman Dentino asked the Chairman why individual board members don't get a chance to publicly state why they gave the rating they did. Chairman Amoruso commented that they have not done this since he has been on the Board.

Selectman McCarter stated in theory, the Town Manager works for a five member board and the compilation of a combined evaluation has been for the employee to get a broad cross section of what board is conveying.

## Weekly Business

- Warrant No. 31 in the amount of \$1,701,597.99  
**Motion:** To approve warrant No. 31 in the amount of \$1,701,597.99 (Levine/McCarter) (Mr. McCarter abstaining from check #379665)  
4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

- Application for one day malt and wine license for the Tri County Beagle Club on Feb 17, 2008.  
**Motion:** To approve application. (Levine/McCarter) 5:0 passes
- Renewal request for Water Installer License: Riccio Excavation.  
**Motion:** To approve application. (Baldwin/McCarter) 5:0 passes  
Discussion: Selectman Levine stated that she spoke with Building Inspector Nick Riccio and there are procedures in place in case Nick need to recuse himself from inspections.
- Renewal request for Water Installer License: A. DiMartino Construction  
**Motion:** To approve application. (Levine/McCarter) 5:0 passes
- Renewal request for Water Installer License: Dezotell Excavating  
**Motion:** To approve application. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Application for Drainlayers license for Walsh Contracting Corp.  
**Motion:** To approve application. (Levine/Baldwin) 4:1 passes
- Sign all alcohol common vic license for G connection.  
**Motion:** To approve and sign. (McCarter/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Sign all alcohol common vic license for VFW post.  
**Motion:** To approve and sign. (McCarter/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

### Correspondence

- Letter from Mansfield Air Race Classic Chairperson Kathy McDonald stating that the Town of Mansfield will be featured on the back of their Air Race Classic magazine. There may be a nominal fee for this ad and she will get back to the Board with that fee.

### Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Chairman Amoruso: None
- Old business from Selectman Dentino: Classification of positions that he has been looking for. John is working on it and will make more time for it. Selectman Dentino has wanted this for a year and has been willing to do it himself. Again he would like to volunteer to undertake this task. Selectman McCarter stated that he

believes the Town Manager should provide this report as it involves sensitive information.

- Selectman Dentino stated he feels that barricades are being thrown up in his way of getting this done. The Finance Committee agrees with the Town Manager that a professional and/or consultant should do this study. John will get the board what he has already done on the study.
- Selectman Dentino has been looking around town for a suitable place for the Haunted Howlings team to put up their Halloween displays. He believes that he has found a location on Maple St. that would be ideal and will look into.
- Old business for Selectman McCarter: None
- Old business for Selectman Baldwin: None
- Old business for Selectman Levine: Would like to be on CIP. Selectman Dentino would like to be on CIP as well. Selectman McCarter doesn't want it anymore and he was interested before when Selectman McCarter got it. Selectman Levine stated she will defer to Selectman Dentino as he had previously stated interest.

**Motion:** To nominate Selectman Dentino as a CIP representative. (Levine/Baldwin)  
5:0 passes

- New business from Selectman Baldwin: None
- New business from Selectman Dentino: He has questions about the FY09 budget process. After a short discussion the board tabled this matter to another date.
- New business from Selectman McCarter: None
- New business from Selectman Levine: None
- New business from Chairman Amoruso: Letter from Rep. Poirier about the Governor's budget. She requests for officials to write the governor and senate/house leaders with their concerns.

**Motion:** To draft and send letter (McCarter/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

**Adjournment**

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

*Ann-Margaret Baldwin*

Signature of Clerk

*February 20, 2008*

Date of Approval