

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of January 9, 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.

Reserve fund transfer/storm water permit

\$15,000 reserve fund transfer requested for storm water permit phase V. This is required by May 1st for new 5 year permit by DEP. John Sullivan, Town Engineer explained to the board why this was necessary at this time.

There are new requirements for the next 5 year permit that must be met. An article for this funding has been put on a Town Meeting warrant before and not passed. Even so, it is necessary to file the permit or face fines from the State and/or Federal government.

Selectman Levine asked where the money for this expenditure would come from. It would have to be raised and appropriated. Mr. Sullivan stated it should be an Engineering Dept. expense line item but due to budget constraints it has not been put in the budget as a regular expense.

Mr. Sullivan further stated that fines could be levied for not complying with these requirements; however he does not know when or how much. He is also not aware of any other towns that have not complied.

Selectman Dentino believes that this should be a DPW expense not an Engineering expense. He would also like to know why it was pulled at the special town meeting. It should be put back on the warrant for approval at the next town meeting.

Mr. Sullivan stated that waiting for town meeting would be too late to get the permitting process under way.

Motion: To endorse the \$15,000 reserve fund transfer for storm water permit phase V of 5 year plan. (Baldwin/Levine) 5:0 passes

Board and Committee Appointments

Municipal Building Committee (MBC) interview for James Ragazzo, Mr. Ragazzo is a new applicant and unfortunately unable to attend meeting.

MBC: Julie Hunter is interested in staying on the MBC and went on a field trip recently to see what construction projects will be going on in town. Julie has not served during a construction project but is looking forward to the highway garage addition project coming up soon.

Motion: To reappoint Julie Hunter to the MBC to a term expiring January 2013.
(Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

Zoning Board of Appeals: David Rapoza is currently an alternate member and after two years of service on the board, he would like to become a full member. Selectman Dentino asked if the ZBA should work in harmony with the Planning Board. Yes, in some matters and no in others. It depends on the situation. ZBA members often go out to the properties in question to see what the issue is. The Planning Board does not so they come from a different perspective. Selectman McCarter asked if Mr. Rapoza would have a problem serving on two different boards as he is also a member of the Recreation Commission. Mr. Rapoza feels that he has the time for both of them.

ZBA: Philip Shannon is new to Mansfield and is in the construction trade. He would like to serve the Town by being on the zoning board. He has no problems with making a decision and then defending it. Selectman Dentino asked how he would handle variance requests. Mr. Shannon would handle requests matters on an individual basis.

Selectman Levine asked Mr. Shannon if he has read the ZBA regulations. He has read some of it but not all yet.

Selectman McCarter asked Mr. Shannon if he builds in Mansfield or foresees doing any work in town. No, Mr. Shannon primarily works in the Boston area.

Selectman Baldwin asked if he is a regular town meeting attendee and he is not due to child care issues but would like to attend more.

Chair Amoruso stated that he was inclined to appoint Mr. Rapoza as a full member and Mr. Shannon as the associate member so he can learn more about what ZBA does.

Motion: To appoint Mr. Rapoza to fill the unexpired full member term (January 2011)
(Baldwin/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Motion: To appoint Mr. Shannon to fill the unexpired associate member term (January 2009)
(Baldwin/Dentino) 5:0 passes

Selectman McCarter stated that Eric Butler was on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a very long time and the board is grateful for his service.

Motion: To send letter of thanks to Mr. Butler. (Baldwin/Levine) 5:0 passes

Motion: To reappoint Jeff Garr to an associate member position on the ZBA with a term to expire January 2011. (Baldwin/Levine) 5:0 passes

Animal Welfare Committee: Sharon Baker: First three year term served and would like to continue on committee. She is active in the fund raising arm of the animal shelter committee as well.

Motion: To reappoint Sharon Baker to the Animal Welfare Committee with a term to expire January 2011. (Baldwin/Levine) 5:0 passes

Planning Board: Beth Ashman Collins is currently an associate member whom would like to apply for a vacant full member seat.

Anthony Jodice is also currently a Planning Board associate member whom would like to apply for a vacant full member seat.

Selectman Baldwin asked the applicants how the Planning Board interacts with the ZBA and is there anything you would change?

Mrs. Collins would like to revisit residential zoning during the Master Plan process. She overall feels that the Planning Board is working well right now and does not wish to change anything. Mr. Jodice is satisfied with the way the Planning Board works but they could work on their relationship with the ZBA.

Selectman McCarter asked what changes do you foresee with the Master Plan?

They both see changes in the Downtown/train station area and in the Industrial Park.

Selectman Levine stated that there are trouble spots in town (traffic, zoning, etc) How would you change these if you could? Mrs. Collins would have made changes in curb cuts, driveways and road access if it were possible. However, hindsight is 20/20. The trouble spots can be made better but it will be difficult due to the constraints of the areas. Mr. Jodice concurs with Mrs. Collins assessment of the troubled areas of town.

How do you feel about the expedited appeal process? As Mansfield does not have this process yet the candidates have not dealt with it.

Selectman Dentino asked about how the candidates feel about betterments or gifts to the Town? The Planning Dept has allocated these funds in the past but the candidates have not had personal experience with this process.

Motion: To appoint Beth Ashman Collins to fill unexpired full member term expiring January 2010. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

Motion: To appoint Beth Ashman Collins to fill unexpired full member term expiring January 2012. (Baldwin/Levine) 5:0 passes

Motion: Send letter of thanks to outgoing members Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Torman (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes

Airport Commission: Carl Lambrecht, finishing first three year term and would like to reapply. He lives near the airport and is a pilot that rents out of King Aviation at the Airport.

Selectman Dentino asks why Mr. Lambrecht would be a better candidate than others? Mr. Lambrecht believes that experience is important in serving on a board and while he is still learning he does have institutional knowledge of what is needed at the airport.

Would you like to see expansion at the Airport? Yes, there is a need for renovations and reuse of existing space.

Selectman Levine asks what are your main priorities? While Lou Andrews does a fantastic job as Chairman, he would however like to assist in the area of administration that Lou handles all by himself.

Selectman McCarter asked if there are any issues at the airport that they need to be aware of. No, there are no dire issues that need to be addressed.

Selectman Baldwin asked how Mr. Lambrecht would expand public exposure of the airport to the Town in general. Unfortunately due to heightened FAA security the airport is not as assessable as it once was. However the public is still encouraged to come down and visit.

Chairman Amoruso asked about runway conditions. There is a grass to pavement strip that can cause some turbulence. However, most of the runway area is well maintained.

Motion: Table appointment to next week as two more applicants will be interviewed then.

Questions and Comments

None

Town Managers Report

- Town Managers coffee hour at the COA tomorrow at 10am.
- Master Plan workshop on Thursday evening at Townhall and on Sat. morning at the High School.
- Copy of town vehicles with wig wags and which colors in packets for review.
- Copies of town counsel records and bills are now available for review in the office.
- Question from Selectman Dentino about redacted bills. John believes that we have clean copies but will verify.
- Gearing for FY09 budget. Proposed budget including schools would have 8.9% increase. Most of the increases are of a fixed nature such as employee benefits and pension costs. We are estimating state revenues of 7.8%. After fixed costs we are estimating a minimal increase of 3% for expenditures from FY08 to FY09.
- Increase in health care costs of 8%. Pension increase of 4.3%
- School budget increase of 7.8 million
- Waste water, Water and Airport enterprise accounts all have proposed small increases.
- Budget meetings will start with dept heads and finance team next week.
- Fire apparatus is desperately needed and the town is spending an increasing amount of money on repairs. New equipment is not only expensive but it takes quite some time for orders to come in. A new municipal complex is needed as the N. Main St. station cannot house the new equipment and has been on the capital expenditures needs list for some time now.
- Assistant DA James McKenna would like to do an open meeting law workshop with Boards and Committees soon.
- Received letter from RI resident about train station parking. He will ask Chief O'Neil for comments on expanded parking restrictions in the Back Bay area.

Weekly Business

- Warrant No. 26 in the amount of \$1,612,270.85
Motion: To approve warrant No. 26 in the amount of \$1,612,270.85 (Levine/McCarter) (Mr. McCarter abstaining from check # 378601)
4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)
- Warrant No. 27 in the amount of \$1,916,118.78
Motion: To approve warrant No. 23 in the amount of \$1,916,118.78 (Levine/McCarter) (Mr. McCarter abstaining from check # 378964)
4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

- Warrant No. 28 in the amount of \$1,951,522.84
Motion: To approve warrant No. 28 in the amount of \$1,951,522.84 (Levine/McCarter) (Mr. McCarter abstaining from check #379073) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)
- All Alcohol license for Qdoba Mexican Grill (license approval back from ABCC)
Motion: To approve and sign license. (McCarter/Levine) 5:0 passes
- Common Victuallers license for Corporate Chef's Cafeteria at 130 Forbes Blvd.
Motion: To approve license. (McCarter/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Common Victuallers license for Cold Stone Creamery
Motion: To approve license. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Common Victuallers license for Driscolls Restaurant
Motion: To approve license. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Drainlayers license for J.H Lynch & Sons
Motion: To approve license. (McCarter/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Drainlayers license for Ferrara Construction
Motion: To approve license. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Drainlayers license for Rudy Pompeo Inc
Motion: To approve license. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Drainlayers license for Perry & Feck, LLC
Motion: To approve license. (Levine/Baldwin) 5: 0 passes
- Request for Water Installers License for US General Contractors.
Motion: To approve license. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Request for Water Installers License for Christian & Feck Devel Corp.
Motion: To approve license. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Request for Water Installers License for Brunelle Contracting Co.
Motion: To approve license. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Application for One Day wine and malt license for the G Connection.
Motion: Move to approve pending approval of routing slips. (Levine/Baldwin) 4:0:1 passes, Dentino abstains

- Postings from Town Clerk for the presidential primary on Feb 5th.
Motion: to sign and post with Town Clerk. (Baldwin/Levine) 5:0 passes

Draft letter for board to send to superintendent of schools regarding traffic issues at the schools that day.

Correspondence

- Letter from Chamber of Commerce Director Tricia White requesting a waiver of permit fees relating to work on their new headquarters.
Motion: To waive permit fees allowed. (Levine/Baldwin) 5:0 passes
- Letter from Mansfield Housing Partnership Chair Judith Martone regarding their meeting with Mirrione Realty. They are in favor of the affordable housing concept that he will be filing with the Town.
- Letter from Robert Butler, III inviting the Selectmen to his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on January 20, 2008 at the Mansfield Lodge of Elks at 2pm.
- Email from resident inquiring about the possibility of annual or semi annual train station parking passes instead of daily fees. Chairman Amoruso states that he would like to address this issue this year.
- Memo from Kurt Gaffney requesting permission to accept gift of no water use toilet from Relco Company.
Motion: To accept gift. (Baldwin/Levine) 5:0 passes
- Mansfield Master Plan Update workshop. "Mansfield Today" workshop on Thursday, January 10th from 7:30-9:30 PM at the town hall rm. 3 a/b and "Mansfield Tomorrow" workshop on Saturday, January 12th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the High School.

Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Chairman Amoruso: None
- Old business from Selectman Dentino: Apology to Neal Boldrighini and staff about him not attending the swearing in ceremony. He was not told about it.

Questions about a private school play area fencing encroaching on town property. Mr. D'Agostino stated this was discovered and was dealt with by staff a long time ago.

- Old business for Selectman McCarter: None
- Old business for Selectman Baldwin: None
- Old business for Selectman Levine: Gilbert St. resident received complaint about Comcast cable service. All PBS channels should be available on the base tier of programming and it's not. Comcast has steadily moved more channels into the higher premium tiers. The board will have a Comcast rep. come to a meeting.

Selectman Levine would also like to have an event calendar made to track all of the board's invitations and external meetings.

- New business from Selectman Baldwin: How well are the sub-committee's going? The one she is on has not met in a while. Requested an update on scheduling of CIP meetings.

She would like to see all boards and committees that meet in the 3 a/b and 2 a/b be televised. A request will be made of Cable Access Board to have done.

Would also like to see ambulance receipts finally dealt with. The number of collections has gone up and the debt to the town is growing. This needs to be addressed. The board will have the Fire Chief come in at a future meeting.

- New business from Selectman Dentino: None
- New business from Selectman McCarter: He is looking for debt breakdown from Town Manager. Also looking for updated fee schedule. He also has questions on the fire equipment being listed on the documents that were given to the board.
- New business from Selectman Levine: None
- New business from Chairman Amoruso: Has compiled town manager evaluations and will give to the Board next week. He also needs a board member to go to the MMA Business Meeting on Saturday.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 11 PM
(Baldwin) 5-0 Passes

Ann-Margaret Baldwin

Signature of Clerk

February 6, 2008

Date of Approval