

**Town of Mansfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of June 10, 2009**

**Present:** Vice Chairman Kevin Moran, Clerk Jess Aptowitz, Selectman Sandra Levine,  
Selectman Dentino, John D'Agostino, Town Manager  
**Absent:** Chairman Baldwin

**Q & C**

None

**Warrant article review for annual town meeting**

Article #1: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #3: To withdraw (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes  
Article #5: To support (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes  
Article #6: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #7: To support (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes  
Article #8: To support (Levine/Aptowitz) 3:1 passes (Dentino nay)  
Article #9: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #13: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #15: **HOLD FOR TM**  
Article #20: To support: (Aptowitz/Dentino) 3:0 passes (Levine absent)  
Article #37: To support: (Aptowitz/Dentino) 3:0 passes  
Article #40: To support (Aptowitz/Moran) 3:0 passes

**Special I**

Article #1: To support (Aptowitz/Dentino) 4:0 passes  
Article #2: To support (Aptowitz/Dentino) 4:0 passes  
Article #3: To support (Aptowitz/Dentino) 4:0 passes  
Article #4: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #5: to support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #6: Withdrawn  
Article #7: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #8: Withdrawn

**Special II**

Article #1: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #2: To support (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes

Article #3: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #4: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #5: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes  
Article #6: To support (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes

## Weekly Business

- Warrant No. 50B in the amount of \$91,640.30  
**Motion:** Approved (Moran/Aptowitz) 3:0:1 passes (Dentino abstain)
  
- Warrant No. 50A in the amount of \$2,959,687.83  
**Motion:** Approved (Moran/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
  
- Minutes of bos meeting on April 22, 2009  
**Motion:** To approve. (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes
  
- Minutes of bos meeting on April 29, 2009  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Dentino) 3:0:1 passes (Aptowitz abstain)
  
- Fund transfers approved by Town Manager.
  1. Building Dept. Seasonal Service \$453.29  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
  2. Building Dept. Secretarial \$375.26  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
  3. Building Dept. Unscheduled OT \$75.00  
**Motion:** To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
  
- Block party request from Susan Dennen, 26 Hemlock Lane for June 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Public safety has signed off.  
**Motion:** To approve. (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes

## Correspondence

- Draft letter: Written by John Sullivan for the board in regards to MA Highway RT. 140 response.  
**Motion:** To support chairman to sign letter. (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes
  
- Draft: Housing Production Plan. The planning dept has made the necessary changes required by DHCD and it is ready for your approval for submission.  
BOS wants to talk to Shaun Burke and vote later.

- Request from Kristi Johnston, DBA member, to place A frame signs on the North and South Commons for weeks prior to the Family Fun Night on July 14<sup>th</sup>.  
**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes
- Request from Kristi Johnston, MMAS member, to place A frame signs on the North and South Commons for 2 weeks prior to the MMAS Arts Festival on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.  
**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes
- Request from Kristi Johnston, MMAS Arts Chairman, for building permit fee wavier for tents to be erected on the South Common. Tents will be up from September 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>.  
**Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes

### Town Managers Report

- Town Meeting update. Warrants will be up on the website by Friday. Please download and bring with you to town meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### TM search firm subcommittee composition discussion

Selectman Dentino would like to delete a bos position on the subcommittee and add an at large seat.

Selectman Aptowitz would like to leave the composition as it is.

Selectman Levine would like to add another dept. head. Both of the search firm candidates stated this would be helpful.

Selectman Moran would like to add a dept head to the subcommittee as well. He would like a public safety dept head and a finance dept head added on.

**Motion:** To delete one bos and add an at large seat. (Dentino/

**Motion:** To delete one bos and add a public safety dept head. (Levine/

**Motion:** To appoint dept. head to subcommittee (Aptowitz/Moran) 4:0 passes

**Motion:** To appoint Arthur O'Neill as the dept head. (Aptowitz/Levine) 4:0 passes

### Selectmen's Old & New Business

- Old business from Selectman Levine: None

- Old business from Selectman Dentino: He would like to renew the discussion on hiring a new town counsel. This will be placed on future agenda.

He would also like to revisit the issue of sick and vacation buy back from employees.

- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: He was going to discuss MMED business but Ann isn't here so it will be pushed off.
- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: Not present
- New business from Chairman Baldwin: Not present
- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: He would like to propose a change in health insurance splits and have both active and retired employees pay the same rate. Retirees pay a reduced rate and having it changed would save the town \$100,000. Mr. D'Agostino stated this would have to be done at town meeting next year if we were to go this way.
- New business from Selectman Dentino: He thinks this proposal has merit and would like to look at it more.

Parking spaces on Park Row. Surrounding businesses and employees are using the Park Row spaces and should not be. Mr. D'Agostino will send a memo to staff, however there are signs present that state parking is for town business during town hall hours.

- New business from Selectman Moran: None
- New business from Selectman Levine: None

### Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn to executive session at 9pm to discuss union contract negotiations.

(Aptowitz) 5-0 **Passes**

Roll call vote: Vice Chairman Moran aye, Clerk Aptowitz aye, Selectman Sandra Levine aye, Selectman Dentino aye.

Jess Aptowitz

Signature of Clerk

September 2, 2009

Date of Approval