

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of November 18, 2009**

Present: Chairman Baldwin, Vice Chairman Moran, Selectman Dentino, Selectman Sandra Levine, Nick Riccio, Interim Town Manager

Absent: Clerk Jess Aptowitz

Planning Board

The members of the Planning Board and Shawn Burke, Town Planner were present for the meeting.

Chairman French gave a brief overview of the town's master plan. They would like to incorporate plans for a "Green Mansfield" into the master plan. They are currently focusing on improvements in the down town area.

Changes in zoning bylaws are also being instituted in order to make the down town area more pedestrian friendly.

Mr. Burke gave an additional overview of what the Planning Board would like to weave into the town's master plan in regards to building density and water conservation efforts. The Planning Board has also submitted and received grant funding from SRPEDD in order to continue with planning and development of the down town area.

Selectman Moran asked what the plans are for the Hathaway Patterson land. After the land is cleaned up it would remain zoned industrial 3. The land is a bit far any for any use in regards to the train station/commuter parking given the lack of infrastructure in that area.

Selectman Dentino asked the Planning Board how they would be able to offer "bonus points" to developers in the downtown. Mr. Burke responded that the board would be able to be flexible with zoning and restrictions when working with developers that qualify in utilizing master plan criteria.

Chairman Baldwin and Mr. Riccio thanked the board for coming in and appreciated hearing about all the great work that the board has been doing.

Water Dept update

Lee Azinheira, DPW Director and Kurt Gaffney, Water Operations Manager were present at meeting in addition to a Woodard and Curran Engineer.

New DEP drinking water requirements are forcing the town to make new capital improvements to various wells in town. Improvements to both Cate Springs and Walsh Well field water treatment facilities are currently under design and completion of these improvements will provide the treatment necessary to comply with new regulations.

The water dept. is also currently designing a new water treatment facility for the Albertini Wells. The DPW has applied for DEP State Revolving Fund for the project.

Mr. Gaffney also detailed the required installed alarm technology and safety upgrades the towns well sites will need to have in order to comply with the new DEP requirements. It will be a very tight fiscal year but he believes that they will be able to meet these requirements by the June 30, 2010 deadline.

Q&C

Happy Thanksgiving from Lou Amoruso. He would like to know if the Electric Light Commissioners have received a reply from the Attorney General regarding to the claim brought against him by Karl Clemmey. Mr. Riccio will check with the light dept. manager.

Tom Preswitch, Shady Brook Lane resident. He has many objections to the Planning Boards presentation in regarding to the development of the down town. He feels that the board should be expanding retail space not minimizing it.

Town manager search update

Mr. Keegan has decided that he will not be taking the job of Mansfield Town Manager after contract negotiations broke down.

Chairman Baldwin stated the board could go with another finalist or put the job back out to bid.

Selectman Moran stated that he was part of the search committee and is comfortable with going with another one of the finalists.

Selectman Dentino does not want to go with a second choice candidate and would like to see the board go back out and advertise the position again.

Selectman Levine does not feel the board is settling for a second place candidate and the town needs a full time town manager to guide the town through tough fiscal times. Although Mr. Riccio is doing a fine job as interim town manager he does not want the job permanently and would like to return to being the building inspector.

Motion: To have Mr. Slavin offer a contract to Mr. William Ross. (Levine/Moran).
Motion withdrawn as there will be an executive session for contract negotiations on Monday, November 23rd.

Weekly Business

Warrant No. 10019T in the amount of \$272,722.06

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10019TV in the amount of \$78,580.24

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10019PS in the amount of \$1,337,253.12

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10019SV in the amount of \$410,317.81

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10019T in the amount of \$226,631.43

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10019E in the amount of \$1,756,228.32

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10019S in the amount of \$544,250.26

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10020T in the amount of \$143,908.14

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10020E in the amount of \$94,356.98

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10020S in the amount of \$2,500.00

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10020PT in the amount of \$482,636.35

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 10020TV in the amount of \$163,608.38

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes

Correspondence

- Letter from Atty. Mangiaratti regarding the liquor license denial appeal of MWWC. The appeal was withdrawn from the ABCC and the Board of Selectmen's denial remains in effect.
- Letter from Bill Pascucci, Regent Café, requesting permission to open Thanksgiving morning at 8am and serve alcohol. (You normally cant serve until 11am)
Motion: To approve. (Moran/Dentino) 4:0 passes
- End of term notification letter from Bill Moore. He will not be reapplying to the MBC after 12 years of service.
Motion: To send letter of thanks with regrets. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes
- End of term notification letter from Lindsay Hawes. She will not be reapplying to the Animal Welfare Committee.
Motion: To send letter of thanks with regrets. (Moran/Dentino) 4:0 passes
- Letter from Raymond Martin, Chairman of the Board of Health regarding Mr. Leite's travel to Alabama for Homeland Security training,
- Letter from Kevin McNatt, President of the Mansfield Historical Society, requesting permission to place a memorial on town property to honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Edward Pazsit, who was killed in action during WWII.
Motion: To grant permission. (Levine/Dentino) 4:0 passes

Town Manager Report

- Request for temporary help from DPW for winter storm maintenance.
- Request for temporary help from COA as they have staff out due to illness.
- Request to hire MIS technician. The previous technician has left the town and the dept. needs this position in order to operate.
Motion: To accept the position being filled. (Levine/Moran) motion withdrawn pending discussion with school mis staff.

- Letter from Congressman Frank asking the Army Corp. of Engineers to remove the Attleboro route from the South Coast Rail Project.
- Letter from Joseph Ditchman regarding increase in commuter parking lot space.

Board of Selectmen old and new business

- Old business from Selectman Dentino: Troop 17 just had an Eagle Scout presentation and he and Kevin had a great time at the event.
- Old business from Selectman Levine: Looking for updates on:
 1. Canopy damage lawsuit
 2. MBTA parking lot payment machines
- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: Not present
- Old business from Selectman Moran: Please donate to the animal shelter and/or building fund if you can. The shell is up and funds are still needed to continue with their work.

Mr. Riccio has been talking with the chairman of the IDC and the committee will meet with the next town manager to set priorities. Selectman Moran still believes that having a vital business park is important to a growing town.

- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: None
- New business from Chairman Baldwin: Mr. D'Agostino would like the Torres report to be released and Chairman Baldwin would like the board to vote on releasing it.
Motion: to release the report. (Dentino/Baldwin) gavel passed to Vice Chairman Moran 2:2 fails. (Levine/Moran nay)
- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: Not present
- New business from Selectman Dentino: He would also like to give a plug for the animal shelter. The committee put up a great display in the second hall lobby of the town hall so if you are around please come by and consider adoption.
- New business from Selectman Moran: None
- New business from Selectman Levine: None

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 10:30pm (Aptowitz) 4-0 Passes

Jess Aptowitz

Signature of Clerk

February 3, 2010

Date of Approval