

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 5, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
LINCOLN CENTER HEARING ROOM

ONE MEETING AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor Moran, Deputy Mayor Hackett, Secretary Gates, Directors Castillo, Devanney, Eckbreth, Floyd-Cranford, Galligan and Jones.

ALSO: General Manager Shanley and Town Attorney Ryan Barry.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board went into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss Labor Negotiations and Real Estate. Present were Mayor Moran, Deputy Mayor Hackett, Secretary Gates, Directors Castillo, Devanney, Eckbreth, Floyd-Cranford, Galligan and Jones. General Manager Scott Shanley and Director of Administrative Services Dede Moore were also present. Director of Planning Gary Anderson was present for the Real Estate discussion. The Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m. No votes were taken.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. All in attendance participated in The Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag, led by Mayor Moran.

2. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS.

A. Proclamation honoring Bob Samuelson's 100th Birthday

Mayor Moran introduced Bob Samuelson and then read a proclamation celebrating Bob's 100th birthday in July. Mr. Samuelson was born in Manchester on July 31, 1918 and has been a lifelong resident. He and his wife Mary raised two children in town. He was a member of the Building Committee from 1977 to 1989, and often attended and spoke at Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and at Board of Director meetings.

Bob has long been known as the Champion of Center Springs Park, and knows much about the early history of Center Springs Park. He walked the park daily and was a lobbyist for park improvements. In recent years, numerous enhancements to Center Springs Park have linked it into the town Greenway trail system and "Bob's Park" is becoming even more of a destination for the community. We recognize Bob's dedicated support to our Town and community and wish him a Happy 100th Birthday!

Mr. Samuelson said he has lived in Manchester all his life and has seen the town grow from 20,000 to 60,000 residents, who have so many things to be thankful for in Manchester. He talked about how Manchester Community College was started in the High School. He also talked about the EMS program and what a credit it is to the community. He stated the employees of Cheney Brothers started Manchester Hospital through the generous donation of one week's pay. He is proud to have lived in a town that provides so many good services to its citizens. He thanked Mayor Moran and Board of Directors for recognizing and celebrating his 100th birthday.

B. Proclamation – 2018 Small Business Award – Control Station

Mayor Moran then introduced Dennis Nash, President and CEO of Control Station Inc., which was recently recognized by the Connecticut Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as SBA’s 2018 Connecticut Exporter of the Year. This award is presented annually to a Connecticut-based business that demonstrates consistent growth in export sales and profits.

The award is the result of increased worldwide demand for the company’s solutions for improving production efficiency and software-based solutions that actively monitor and optimize plant-wide performance. Control Station has been located in Manchester since 2015 and has plans to continue to expand in the coming years. He congratulated Mr. Nash and his staff for this prestigious award.

Mr. Nash stated that although they have only been in Manchester for a few short years, with the help of town staff they hope to have the opportunity to thrive and continue to hire the young talent coming out of the state’s university system including Manchester Community College, and to add back to the economy here in Manchester. He thanked Mayor Moran and the Board of Directors for this honor and looks forward to a long relationship with the Town.

C. Proclamation – 2018 Small Business Award – Lucky Taco

Mayor Moran introduced Lucky Taco owner Erin Emmons, which was recently recognized by the Connecticut Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as the 2018 Connecticut Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year. This award is presented annually to a Connecticut-based business that has shown sustained growth in terms of sales and jobs, an innovative product and demonstrated potential.

Lucky Taco is a top notch Downtown Manchester food and drink destination that specializes in Tex-Mex comfort food which has grown from a food truck to a thriving stand-alone Cantina and Tap Room. Lucky Taco is now in the midst of a major expansion and remodel effort. He congratulated Erin, her husband Dave and their staff on this prestigious award.

Ms. Emmons stated it is such an honor and she is so proud to be living, working and growing together in Manchester. There are so many changes making Manchester even better. She thanked everyone for their support and for this recognition.

3. OPENING OF MEETING TO ELECTORS OR TAXPAYERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ANY SUBJECT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. *(Sign-up sheet available 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting)*

Jeri Beckford, 149 Maple Street, spoke about her love of Manchester. She was introduced to Manchester by a friend by going to community events and subsequently decided she’d like to raise a family here. She picked her home for its close proximity to school, parks, the downtown area, historical sites and major highways. The location of her home allowed her to access all the amenities that Manchester had without a vehicle. She spoke in favor of reopening Nathan Hale School as a voting location. She spoke about the diversity in her neighborhood and indicated how important it is for the diversity of the town to be represented in the elections. Opening Nathan Hale to voting would increase the ability for many of her neighbors to vote, and allow their voices to be heard.

Rhonda Philbert, 785 Tolland Turnpike, is a member of the African American and Black Affairs Council of Manchester. They are requesting that the voting polls be restored to the Nathan Hale School and Washington School neighborhoods. The residents living in these neighborhoods have to travel to Highland Park School to vote, and access to transportation can be limited or non-existent. Some of the residents are socioeconomically vulnerable and are from historically marginalized groups. To have them travel outside their neighborhoods to vote continues to limit their participation in the political process, limits the power of their voices and continues to marginalize their fragile community. We need to provide these residents with the same opportunity as other Manchester residents who vote in the neighborhoods where they reside. She provided the Board of Directors with a petition signed by 31 residents in favor of opening polling locations in these neighborhoods.

Shadzeb Siddiqui, 147 John Olds Drive, is the Captain and founder of the Manchester Knights Cricket Club. They play games with South Windsor, East Hartford and many other towns and would like to have use of a field in Manchester. He contacted Graham Slogesky and submitted an application to play at Martin School. The application was denied because they would need to alter the field. He spoke with several town employees including Scott Garman, Gary Anderson, Chris Silver and General Manager Scott Shanley, and is now looking for help from the Board of Directors to find an adequate place to play in Manchester.

Laurel LaPorte-Grimes, 25 Jeffrey Alan Drive, is a resident and a representative of Uniting for a Safe Inclusive Community (USIC) to speak on the issue of polling places in Manchester. We are encouraging the Board of Directors to ensure that voters, especially those voters who have been historically disenfranchised and those without ready access to transportation have easy access to polling places in their district. One of the most fundamental rights in our democracy is the right to vote, something that should be protected and supported. We strongly encourage the Board of Directors to look at where historically disenfranchised groups live in our town and ensure there are polling places located in their neighborhoods within easy access to public transportation. She strongly encouraged reopening Nathan Hale as a polling place, which would send a strong message that we are serious about inviting community engagement. She had the signature of 49 residents.

Al Lutz, 850 Parker Street, extended an invitation to the Board of Directors to the next Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m. on July 6th to update them on the progress for senior housing and a senior center at the previous Parkade location.

Darryl Thames, 27 Philip Road, a long time Manchester resident is here to support reopening a polling location at Nathan Hale School. He talked about his son walking with him to the polls, which became a tradition for them. He commended the Board of Directors for considering reopening the polling location at Nathan Hale. He implored them to reopen a polling station in the Spruce Street neighborhood. The young children of this neighborhood don't have the opportunity to see the political process at work. Closing the polling stations in this area led to a feeling of disenfranchisement for these citizens. This is a wrong that can be righted.

Linda Harris, 60 Brookfield Street, spoke in favor of opening a polling place at Nathan Hale School. She urged the Board of Directors to make it easy for those who live in the Nathan Hale and Washington Street neighborhoods to vote in their community. Community based voting polls support the increased inclusion of residents to participate in the voting process without the need to access transportation and leave their neighborhoods to vote.

She also asked for an update on recruiting 3 firefighters. She asked how the Board of Directors is ensuring that minority candidates are recruited for these positions. She asked that the Fire Department go out aggressively and recruit Black and African American candidates to diversify its personnel. They expect this across all departments including the Board of Education. It is important that those providing services reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the town.

Jason Doucette, 85 Stephanies Way, spoke in support of the concept of expanding the polling locations. He has been active in campaigning and elections in town for quite some time. He is very familiar with the history of the polling locations. It has been a goal of our Town officials and party officials to encourage more participation in elections and community involvement but then we took away two polling locations, which discourages voter turnout and participation. Highland Park School absorbed most of the Nathan Hale voters and reopening this location would help to alleviate the lines at Highland Park School. He encouraged the Board of Directors to consider reopening this polling location.

Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, agreed that Manchester needs to have polling locations in all neighborhoods. About 14 years ago, we had forums on social topics and he'd like to see these forums brought back. He'd like to see forums on police community relations, educational issues and dealing with implicit bias. He talked about an article in America in WWII magazine on Desmond Doss, who refused to carry a weapon in combat. He also mentioned a movie about Mr. Doss directed by Mel Gibson. He talked about the anniversaries of President Lincoln's and Robert F. Kennedy's deaths. He recommended a book by David J. Kent called "Lincoln: The Man Who Saved America". He also stated August marks the 55th anniversary of Martin Luther King's march to Washington.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

- A. Actions, May 1, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes, May 1, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Gates/Galligan

9 Voted in Favor

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

Vice Chair Hackett stated Mayor Moran was recently honored by the CT Greenways Council (CGC). She read the following: "Mayor Moran will receive the CT Greenways Council Municipal Achievement Award. As Athletic Director at Southern Connecticut State University, he is committed to enjoyable athletic pursuits. As Mayor, he sees greenways as an opportunity for conditioning, rehabilitation, mixed modal transportation, safe routes to school, linking parks and enjoyment. He is quietly closing the three remaining gaps in the tri-town 20 mile loop connecting Bolton's Hop River Trail, Vernon's Valley Falls Trail and Manchester's Cheney Rail Trail and the Manchester Charter Oak Greenway. His efforts and the efforts of others will lead to the completion of this 20-mile tri-town loop." She congratulated him on this award.

Mayor Moran said he accepted the award on behalf of the community. He thanked Bill O'Neill, Director Gates and all the greenway volunteers for their work on the trails in our community, as they deserve the recognition. He stated that at the time he was accepting that award, we honored and dedicated Doug Smith Island on the Hockanum River Trail. It was an honor to receive the CGC award which he accepted on behalf of everyone in Manchester.

Mayor Moran then thanked the Permanent Memorial Day Committee for the parade honoring our fallen soldiers. It was a wonderful celebration of those who lost their lives defending our country.

Director Eckbreth also thanked the Manchester Garden Club who dresses up the center of Manchester for the parade, and in doing so certainly honor our Veterans past, present and future. She wanted to ensure we recognize all the volunteers for beautifying the center of our town for the community to enjoy.

Vice Chair Hackett also thanked the elementary school students and parents who bring in plants that are used at the top of Main and Center Streets and a few other locations.

Director Jones received an email regarding the trash collection program, which read in part: “I do not believe the change in our garbage collection is a good decision. Both myself and my neighbor are families of 4, and do not believe we generate an excessive amount of garbage on a weekly basis. We do generate enough on a regular basis to fill up the existing large size garbage container. The change to the small container will not only be an inconvenience but it could potentially be a health hazard.” The resident went on to say that the additional charge to keep a larger container may not sound like a lot, but it is on top of the taxes we already pay. He asked that this decision be reconsidered.

Director Galligan received comments from a number of residents after the story came out about another community’s spending and meal allowances for meetings. He researched this with town staff and is very happy to see that in Manchester during the budget workshops an average of \$50.00 is spent per meeting for food. He thanked town staff for making reasonable accommodations. He wanted to ensure it was addressed given the emails he’s received.

ADOPTED – Motion to suspend the rules to move Item 12F to the agenda at this time.

12F. Discussion of voting district polling locations.

Floyd-Cranford/Eckbreth

9 Voted in Favor

Director Floyd-Cranford stated that when she took the position of Director, she was very sincere when she said that she would listen to the community, particularly people who are marginalized and disenfranchised. She heard from the communities in the Nathan Hale and Washington School districts about polling locations being closed in their neighborhoods. She would like to reconsider opening polling locations in these communities. She listened to the comments that were made this evening regarding the socialization and what it means in the culture of voting and how important it is to be able to vote in your own neighborhood. She wants to go beyond discussion tonight, and vote to reopen the polls at these locations.

Mayor Moran asked Jim Stevenson and Tim Becker, Manchester Registrars to come forward.

Director Devanney wanted to ensure the residents know this is not a partisan issue. He noticed some of the speakers looked at and addressed the Republican party and not the Democratic party. This topic was discussed in a meeting in January of 2012 by Director Pelletier(-Eckbreth) when she noted that the most affected districts are the Nathan Hale and Washington School areas. She expressed concerns at that time that “this additional travel distance may disenfranchise some voters from these areas”. Director Devanney asked if we’ve seen a decrease in the number of

voters in these districts due to moving the voting locations. He also asked what the notification process was to those voters affected by the change in voting locations in 2012 and what the notification process would be now if there was a vote tonight to put the two polling places back on line.

Mr. Stevenson stated that after the 2012 redistricting concerns of the Board of Directors, the Registrars did a street by street analysis of the former voting district in Nathan Hale and Washington School neighborhoods. The redistricting did not show any decrease in voting and in fact showed an increase in voters from some of the streets in these neighborhoods. That analysis was done on two separate occasions, once for a Presidential election and once for a local election. This was done through a manual process street by street looking at who voted prior to redistricting and who voted after.

In 2012, a majority of the town was redistricted due to legislative guideline changes, when we needed to make the municipal districts fall in line with the legislative districts. At that time, notification postcards were sent out to each person that was impacted approximately 2 weeks before the election. Signage was also placed at the impacted locations to indicate the new polling places. Mr. Stevenson indicated a similar communication plan would be used which would include signage at the impacted locations, social media notifications and postcards would be sent.

Director Devaney then asked when the decision to change the polling places would have to be made. He asked if there is a possibility for this to be done for the August primary.

Mr. Stevenson indicated that according to State Statute, a polling place can be relocated 30 days prior to an election or primary. It would be tight to make the change for the August primary as the ballot will be set on June 20th.

Director Floyd-Cranford believes moving the polling locations in 2012 had a negative impact, even if the numbers don't reflect that. The numbers don't clearly reflect that when President Obama was running for office, there were many grassroots organizations canvassing those communities that were disenfranchised and marginalized. There were people coming from Hartford to pick up Manchester residents who didn't have cars to take them to the voting polls because it was a historic election.

Director Eckbreth remembered the night in 2012 where the Board of Directors had this discussion and what precipitated it. The reality is that closing those polls was forced by a change in the census numbers and the legislative changes in the district. There was a lot of discussion prior to closing these locations. The census numbers were used to ensure it was a fair distribution based on socioeconomics and other indicators. There were increased efforts made to ensure there would be a push to not disenfranchise anyone. Absentee ballots were pushed harder. Both parties pushed for rides. There are 46 thousand vehicles in Manchester. She owns houses in these neighborhoods and there are lots of cars in these areas. Going from Nathan Hale School to Highland Park School is a 5 minute drive. They are walking from this area to Manchester High School which is further. Residents can do an absentee ballot or can get a ride to the polls. It is a strong argument that they don't have the sense of community involvement in the election. We have an issue going on in Nathan Hale and Washington Schools where we have created larger neighborhoods in our community. Creating larger neighborhoods can create more inclusiveness and more empowerment, not less.

The locations we're looking at would be temporary. She'd like to see more permanent locations pursued. She wondered if Bennet is a viable voting location. It is on the bus line, near Main Street and in the Nathan Hale district. It is a building we've spent a lot of money on that we know is going to be there for a very long time, and could be a permanent location. She asked the Registrars if they've considered Bennet as a polling location.

Mr. Becker responded that they did look at Bennet, but School Street is now closed off and the gymnasium is in the middle of the school. They also found an issue with parking. They could look into it again.

Director Eckbreth indicated School Street has a gate system which closes off for the school. This could be activated for voting. When we talk about disenfranchisement, we moved people out of the district six years ago. Now we want to move the polling place back, but then we'd have to move them again. She wondered what affect that would have on that community, constantly being bounced around. She would prefer to find a more permanent solution. She also asked for clarification on the total cost to open new polling locations.

Mr. Becker stated it would cost just over \$5K per location for each election which would include poll workers, custodians, food, mailers, postage, signage and memory cards/tabulators, about \$1.5K of which is a one-time cost.

Director Jones remarked that the most important part of this is that there is no price that can be put on access, on making residents feel like they are seen, heard and valued. If not even one more person came out because we did this, it wouldn't be a loss. There is something symbolic and important in the opportunity to experience walking to the polls with their children.

Secretary Gates would like to see a decision made this evening. This is the right thing to do and this is the right time to do it. Equitable access to the polling places and embracing the diversity of the community is important and the cost of doing this is a small price to pay.

Vice Chair Hackett agrees with the comments that have been made. The Board of Directors is working on an initiative to increase community engagement. We have worked quite thoughtfully over the past several months to have a new vision for being a more inclusive place to live and feel engaged. Some of the key words we've taken away from that initiative are belonging, feeling welcome and feeling like you have a sense of purpose and mission in your town. Putting a stop to the slow erosion of the infrastructure of the Nathan Hale neighborhood is very important. This would be a very powerful transformational statement to live out the mission that we are trying to build for the community engagement initiative.

Mayor Moran asked if we were to bring Nathan Hale back online if it would affect the General Assembly district.

Mr. Stevenson stated it would not affect the 13th assembly district. The reason behind putting the Nathan Hale and Highland Park communities together was because of the uncertainty of the Nathan Hale building. There was talk of a boiler that needed to be replaced. On the other side of Main Street, the Washington School neighborhood is divided into 3 assembly districts now. In that neighborhood, it will be tough to pick which sections vote at Washington School. At the same time, we're moving the Verplanck voters temporarily to Cheney Tech because of the school renovations.

Mayor Moran recalled the conversation about the boiler in Nathan Hale School that had to be replaced. We can't bring back Nathan Hale School but we can bring back a part of that site and make it a central part of that community.

General Manager Shanley added the school department indicated the boiler needed to be replaced. Most of that building is heated at a very low temperature now. By fire code, we are not allowed to go into the old section, so we only use the new section. There is a secondary boiler there that we have replaced with a boiler out of one of the schools that we are remodeling. We are hopeful that it will continue to work.

RECESS - The Board of Directors took a brief recess at 8:50 p.m. and returned at 9:10 p.m.

Castillo/Galligan **9 Voted in Favor**

ADOPTED - Motion to suspend the rules and add an item, 12G, to the agenda.

Gates/Hackett **9 Voted in Favor**

ADDED - 12G. Approval of additional voting district polling location at Nathan Hale.

Gates/Castillo **9 Voted in Favor**

APPROVED - Motion to suspend the rules to move item 12G to the agenda at this time.

Gates/Jones **9 Voted in Favor**

APPROVED -12G. Approval of additional voting district polling location at Nathan Hale.

Floyd-Cranford/Gates **9 Voted in Favor**

6. REPORTS.

A. Manager's Report

2. Trash Collection Program – Phase 2 (barrel rollout)

General Manager Shanley recommended discussing the Trash Collection Program first. He introduced Public Works Director Tim Bockus and Environmental Services Manager Brooks Parker to address this topic. The collection program which was to reclaim the old barrels and replace with new barrels was agreed to by the vendor, but the execution failed quickly and by day three we had to come up with a different plan. The decisions that we are implementing now were made over a year ago, as part of the transfer of responsibilities from our previous vendor to USA Hauling to begin to streamline and create efficiencies in our process so that when trash collection switches over to the tax base it will not be a sudden shock.

Mr. Bockus indicated it has been a couple of tough weeks in Public Works addressing the trash cart issue. It can be categorized into two general complaints, one with respect to the delivery of new barrels and the other with respect to the decreased size of the barrels. There was a good plan in place but we very quickly noticed they could not live up to the expectation. The idea was to

pull the old barrels out and replace them with new barrels in the same day, but the vendor was unable to handle that. The old barrels were being collected far quicker than the new barrels were being delivered, so there were people left on every day's route that didn't have barrels at the end of the day. It was compounding itself day after day. That's when we made the decision to change direction and give everyone their barrels first and worry about collecting barrels after the fact. We are in that process right now and are gaining ground quickly.

Mr. Parker indicated there are currently less than 300 homes that don't have a barrel, according to their records. There are enough carts now that everyone who still doesn't have a cart will have one by tomorrow. They will then be taking the old carts once everyone has a new one.

Mr. Bockus asked residents to leave their old barrel out on their collection day. Both will be emptied before the old barrels are collected. We will work the problem until we have it solved, and are very close to getting there.

Mayor Moran heard that part of the problem was the guys on the trucks were instructing residents what to do, which differed from what the Town and website indicated should be done. The other concern for the residents now is the decreased size of the carts.

Mr. Bockus indicated one of the problems they had was with poor communication from the vendor. We have since told them not to be discussing the program with the residents but instead ask them to call Sanitation directly. He recently took a curbside audit of some trash barrels, both waste and recycling. The number one contaminant found in both waste and recycling barrels were textiles such as clothes, shoes, pots and pans, etc. These shouldn't be going in the trash barrel. He indicated they are now looking into alternative disposal options for textiles. The Sanitation Department will look into programs to ease the amount of trash that is being put in the barrels. 65 gallon is an appropriate size for trash.

General Manager Shanley stated the vast majority of residents will be fine with 65 gallon containers. The town is offering an additional recycling bin at no charge to encourage recycling.

Mr. Parker indicated the town has offered textile recycling at the transfer station at no charge for several years now.

Mr. Bockus stated they are looking into a curbside textile collection program through a company in New Britain which is at no cost to the municipality. It seems to be a very successful program within our region.

Director Jones asked if composting barrels are still available to the residents. She also asked about the recycling bins.

Mr. Parker indicated the town had provided composting barrels prior to when he began working here in 2008. He read through the State of Connecticut's 2015 Waste Characterization Audit. Within the trash they found that 60% of the trash was actually something that could be recovered, and the number one item was organics (41%). Another item found frequently in the trash was cardboard. Through home composting and the use of a garbage disposal there is a real opportunity to decrease trash. Sanitation can certainly look into trying to encourage home composting. The curbside yard waste program is very successful. He highly recommends all residents take advantage of that as well.

With regard to the recycling carts, each residence can request one additional recycling cart. Most people have a 95 gallon recycling cart. Each residence can have an additional medium size cart at no charge. We want to do everything we can to make it easy.

Director Jones heard from families with young children, especially those in diapers, who are concerned the new trash cart size will not accommodate their trash. She asked for suggestions for those families. She also asked about the quality of the new carts, as there were some photos sent to the Board of Directors this morning that showed holes had been chewed through the new carts.

Mr. Parker indicated the sanitation fund pays for this expense so they are trying to streamline and standardize trash collection. Families should really take a look at packaging of items that could be recycled, as there is currently a lot of packaging in the waste stream that is eligible to be recycled instead. He asked residents to take a good look at the recycling guide that was delivered with each new cart.

He emphasized the new carts are a superior product, actually one of the preferred industry products. He encouraged residents to bag all their food waste which will decrease incidences of rodents. The carts have a 10 year warranty for normal wear and tear.

Director Eckbreth asked if there is a composting area at the landfill. She asked if we had ever offered composting containers for residents. She also asked about the cost of purchasing the new trash carts. She has heard a common complaint that we made the trash bins smaller but decreased the amount of products that could be recycled.

Mr. Parker stated there is a composting area at the landfill for yard waste, not food scrap composting. There was a time in the past when the town purchased some home composters and sold them at cost. They can look into this again. The cost for the new trash carts was \$850K.

General Manager Shanley indicated the reason the carts were all replaced was because they were 14 years old. Many of the carts needed to be replaced. It was more cost effective to replace them all at one time than one by one as they fell apart.

Mr. Parker stated the main change in recyclable products is shredded paper. Other than that, there is not much of a decrease in recyclables. There are other wastes, textiles and plastic film, that are contaminants in recycling. It is very difficult for the plants to handle plastic bags and plastic film.

Director Eckbreth has heard comments that people will now throw their trash that they can't fit into the 65 gallon cart into the recycling bins. She asked Mr. Parker to address what would happen if that occurs. She also asked him to address the issue of obtaining a second trash cart for a fee.

Mr. Parker indicated they are working with the trash haulers. They have customer education tags to leave. They can do curbside inspections if necessary to ensure trash isn't put into the recycling containers.

The town has had a subscription program since 2012, where we charge \$55 to purchase a second trash cart and a \$150 annual fee, so the subscription fee is basically the same price per year. There were a fair number of homes that paid for an extra trash cart and have been using them as

needed. When the hauler notices more than one cart, they leave a notice that a subscription is needed. The town has offered this subscription service since 2012.

Director Eckbreth asked for information about the service for disabled residents where the haulers would bring the carts out to the curb and empty them.

Mr. Parker stated there was a change to this program. It is now \$15/month for this service. There is a program through Human Services that can help defray the cost if there is a medical and financial hardship. A letter was mailed to everyone who had this service to inform them of the change approximately 6 months ago.

Director Devanney stated, in response to Director Jones' previous statement, that he had two children in diapers using a 65 gallon trash cart and there was no problem with trash overflow. He recalled previous conversations about educating through the school system on what could be recycled. He asked if this has been rolled out.

Mr. Parker responded that some work was done with the school district several years ago. The program is only successful when all parties involved promote it. The schools have the infrastructure in place for recycling. We can revisit this. In terms of classroom education, CRRA did trips annually to the trash museum in Hartford for third and fourth graders. The museum has been closed the last couple of years due to funding issues.

Mr. Bockus added that they will reach out to the Board of Education to have some discussions about where we can help them to spread the message.

Mayor Moran asked if the town holds shredding events. He also asked for clarification on bulk waste pickups

Mr. Parker responded that the Eighth District does a shredding event and MARC offers low-cost shredding events. Sanitation pays a flat fee monthly for two per year bulk waste pickup for each residence.

Vice Chair Hackett indicated there was a small subcommittee that looked at emerging issues with waste management and recycling. She and Director Devanney talked about having a committee that would invite citizens to tackle some of these issues. She'd like to recommend a sustainability taskforce that engages the community in looking at our environment.

Mr. Bockus responded we have the opportunity to have champions within the community on a lot of these issues. He has reached out to people at Sustaining CT, an organization that has a great infrastructure in place to develop these community outreach programs.

6A1. Center Springs Park Master Plan

General Manager Shanley explained that at one point we tried to put together a master planning process for all of our parks including how those parks would interact. That was not funded. Kyle Shiel, Planning Department, was able to get a grant to engage an urban landscape design student from Yale to work with them to put together a master plan for Center Springs Park.

Mr. Shiel stated there is a lot of energy and excitement around the park, with a lot of grassroots volunteering and clean-up efforts going on. This gave them an opportunity to coordinate, organize and get feedback from residents to work through some of the realistic options for improving the park. They want to make Center Springs Park a vibrant inviting place for the Town. They held 3 workshops and spoke with members of Government Academy, Manchester Youth Commission and the general public. A common consistent theme was that the park has poor visibility and accessibility, and inadequate signage. They feel more active uses would make the park more engaging and enjoyable. Based on that feedback, they determined they needed to make the park entrances more visible and inviting. Once inside the park, they looked at what type of physical amenities would make the experience more enjoyable and keep residents coming back to the park.

Proposed enhancements include making the entrances at Main Street/Bigelow and Trotter Street more visible and welcoming. They looked at options for the street frontage on Main Street, including possible regrading of the slope and raising the walking path within the park. The goal is to define the visual corridor. On Trotter Street, they discussed enhancing the lots on the corner of Trotter Street and Center Street to look more “park-like”. He also talked about usage of the parking behind Town Hall to enter the park.

Internally they looked at moving the playground further into the park and are looking to hold more events in the park. One idea was to expand the square footage of the lodge by incorporating a wrap-around terrace with seating. They also looked at improving the pavilion area to include amphitheater-style seating put into the hillside overlooking the pond. Another consideration was to change the ballfield into a bike playground, as there are other existing ballfields in town.

This plan was an opportunity to capture what the community wants and work through some ideas to identify the realistic options moving forward.

Mayor Moran thanked everyone involved for putting this report together and for incorporating public feedback in the process.

Secretary Gates thanked Mr. Shiel for his leadership on this project. Town staff, volunteers and groups have already done some work over the last few years to return activity and vibrancy to Center Springs Park. It is truly becoming the connection we envisioned between Broad Street and Main Street. He looks forward to the implementation of this plan.

Director Eckbreth appreciates that feedback was asked of so many people. When you go into other cities, you have access to the park all the way around the blocks but we’re hindered with that at Center Springs Park. While this plan looks at entryways, it still hasn’t addressed the parking issue. At the corner of Trotter Street, in fact, you talked about taking away some of the parking potential, leaving no accessibility to parking at this location. We have some areas that need to be accentuated. She agrees that you could have quite a spectacular view of the park going up Main Street if that area is addressed.

She found it surprising that there is no mention of a splash pad. You can’t go to any park the size of Center Springs Park in any town and not see a splash pad. It is hugely popular and brings families into the parks. There is also low environmental impact. The plan to suggest moving the playground was spot on. There is a lot of potential in this plan. This park is a hidden jewel in our community. She looks forward to creating a concrete plan to implement some of these proposed

changes. One of the biggest misconceptions is that Center Springs Park is unsafe. The more people we get into the park, the more we can get rid of that stigma.

Mayor Moran pointed out that although we think the parking lot behind Town Hall is empty on the weekends, and that we can possibly use it to park when going into Center Springs Park, it can actually get pretty full with church activities.

Director Floyd-Cranford is pleased with the presentation and the possible options for the park. She does hope to see more signage. She wasn't aware of the entrance to the park near the Town Hall until she exited the building from a meeting one evening. Many residents may be unaware of the entrances as well.

Mayor Moran noticed this past weekend that there were quite a few people in the park with families walking and people playing Frisbee golf. It's nice to see more activity there.

B. Other Reports. None.

7. PRESENTATION OF BID WAIVER REQUESTS.

A. Extension of the Health Department Emergency Preparedness Contract with Quality Perspectives.

General Manager Shanley stated the Town has used this firm in the past. Right now there is a work in progress. It doesn't make sense to change consultants at this point. Mr. Catlett is here if there are questions.

APPROVED - Motion to suspend the rules to move item 11C to the agenda at this time.

Hackett/Castillo

9 Voted in Favor

11C. Approval to join opioid lawsuit (recommended by the Town Attorney).

Attorney Barry recommends a joint counsel arrangement with Ventura Law in Danbury, CT and Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings (BSJ) from Nashville, TN. He has met with Ventura Law who has a team of seasoned litigators handling cases in Connecticut courts. The firm has experience in suing pharmaceutical companies as well as large corporations. This case involves suing not only the pharmaceutical companies responsible for the development and peddling of the opioid drugs but also the companies responsible for distribution of the opioids.

Ventura Law has a joint counsel agreement with BSJ. BSJ has an Opioid Litigation Team that has filed 47 cases in Tennessee. BSJ is much further along in litigating opioid cases than any of the Connecticut cases. Being ahead of the game in discovery, BSJ just received over 5,000 documents from the defendants and are already in discussion with PurduePharma. There is a firm 2019 trial date. Having access to these documents will no doubt be beneficial to Ventura and BSJ in representing the Town of Manchester in Connecticut litigation. He introduced Kelly Fitzpatrick from Ventura Law and Tricia Herzfeld from BSJ.

Attorney Fitzpatrick stated Ventura Law has offices in Danbury, Bridgeport, Hartford and Norwalk. They currently represent Norwalk, Danbury, Ansonia and Derby in the opioid lawsuit. They partnered with BSJ, who represent 47 counties in Tennessee, because they have a wealth of experience in this type of work. Their complaint will be filed next week. She stated it would be a privilege and honor to represent the Town of Manchester.

Attorney Herzfeld commented that BSJ represents about 2/3 of the state of Tennessee, including the Appalachian region which has been hit pretty hard by this epidemic. Tennessee is second in the nation for being hit by the opioid epidemic. They have been taking their lawsuits from a law enforcement perspective, representing district attorneys, and through them their counties, cities and towns. They also represent infants who have been born dependent on opioids through birth. They have been in this pursuit for about a year and are getting ready to take depositions.

Director Eckbreth asked for an explanation of the process for assessing damages from our community in this lawsuit.

Attorney Fitzpatrick explained that they would hold an initial meeting with the Director of Finance, EMS, Police Chief, Fire Chief and risk management. There is a questionnaire to go over asking what the town has been seeing. The Town of Manchester last year was number 10 in the State of Connecticut in the number of opioid overdose deaths. We would look at how much Narcan has been administered, how many saves the town has had, how much overtime there has been in the police force and EMS. From the questionnaire we would get a damage analysis.

Director Eckbreth asked how the Town of Manchester would recover real damages from the settlement. She asked if the damages received would go directly back to the Town.

Attorney Fitzpatrick indicated their plan is to come up with an abatement model because they feel that will put them in the best position for their clients. They are committed to making sure the money is allocated appropriately to abate the nuisance that the opioid crisis has created.

Attorney Herzfeld explained there are a couple different ways it can be allocated, depending upon how much money comes back to the community. It can be done per capita or according to who has the most damages. There are a number of experts they have been working with who will draw up those models. It tends to be difficult to conceptualize all the damages that come from a crisis like this.

Director Eckbreth knows there are some cases that are leading toward a settlement. She asked if they were starting to see some of these cases coming to fruition.

Attorney Herzfeld indicated there are a couple different tracks. There is the MDL, the group of litigation that has been consolidated in Cleveland, Ohio and then there are a variety of cases outside the MDL. So there is a settlement track and a litigation track within the MDL and also something outside the MDL. There is a lot of talk about settlement. She does not anticipate that this lawsuit will drone on for 10 or 20 years.

Director Eckbreth said there has to be some type of threshold to let the industries know the practices have to change and that it is affecting real people and real lives. Anytime we can be involved in the process to make the individuals who have suffered real and make someone

accountable is important. She wholeheartedly supports Attorney Barry's decision on entering into this lawsuit.

Mayor Moran asked for clarification for the public on who the litigation is against.

Attorney Fitzpatrick stated the lawsuit is against the manufacturers and distributors of opioids.

General Manager Shanley asked if there is a criminal tract. There are an awful lot of young people who have died because of this crisis. There is no amount of money that can bring them back.

Attorney Herzfeld responded that Purdue Pharma plead guilty to criminal misbranding in 2007 in Bristol, VA. There was a criminal plea at that time. Additionally, there has been more attention paid to the pill mills and street level dealers at the State and Federal levels. This lawsuit in Tennessee is different because it is district attorneys using civil authority to go after the pharmaceutical companies, taking it all the way up the chain to the manufacturers. We are using anything we can to not only stop the flow of opioids coming into our communities but trying to right the wrongs, especially when you think about the young people and infants effected. There is a generation of harm that we can't even foresee yet. Medical science hasn't shown us yet what in utero exposure to opioids means to a young person throughout their life. There is going to be a 20, 30 or 40 year tail on this issue. We're taking all that into consideration when we model Manchester's abatement damages.

Mayor Moran commented there is no dollar amount that can be put on a life. Joining this is the right thing to do in the memory of those who lost their lives or those who are struggling. We can't bring a person back but we can try to prevent it from happening again. The most important thing is to stop this epidemic. He thanked Attorney Barry as well as Attorneys Fitzpatrick and Herzferd for the information they provided.

Director Jones asked for clarification of exactly what the Board of Directors is agreeing to this evening. She asked if they were making the decision tonight on whether or not to file a lawsuit.

Attorney Fitzpatrick responded that the Board of Directors is making a decision of whether or not to hire Ventura and BSJ to do an investigation and economic loss analysis. From there, we would make recommendations.

Attorney Barry recommends that we hire them to do an investigation, to authorize the Town Attorney to work with Ventura and BSJ to put together a complaint and file a lawsuit on behalf of the Town.

Director Floyd-Cranford has noticed lately that sentences are pretty light for drug dealers when a death occurs. It feels like a slap on the wrist. When it was for crack cocaine, there were 20-50 year sentences handed down. She asked if the lawsuit extends to family members.

Attorney Herzfeld responded that the case in Tennessee hits every level, from the street level dealer all the way up to the pharmaceutical companies. That is according to a very particular law in Tennessee which permits them to do that. The specific law in Tennessee was passed in reaction to the cocaine epidemic. It is very specific to Tennessee now but she anticipates seeing some other states implementing the same law in the future.

Director Eckbreth stated there is a history of discriminatory practices when it comes to criminal sentencing. The bigger issue here is the physicians that were involved who were put in a position of trust as a health care provider but they are the ones who became the drug dealers. There is enough evidence now that there should be some criminal sanctions and penalties for physicians who are still engaging in opioid prescribing practices. There are some physicians now who are very careful about giving out opioids. She hopes these issues will be brought up through the lawsuits. There needs to be legislation that looks at this aspect. It is affecting everyone. She worked in opioid clinics and saw firsthand all the various types of people that it affected.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS (formally advertised).

A. Appropriations to Special Projects as follows:

1. Manchester Police Department Training Account..... \$3,750
to be funded by reimbursement from Community Health Resources, Inc. for multiple health training classes to provide mental health services to various groups.
2. Emergency Management Donation Fund (CERT Team) \$4,000
to be funded by a donation from The Manchester Road Race Committee which is gratefully acknowledge and accepted.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

B. Appropriations to Education Special Projects as follows:

1. School Accountability – Summer School Grant..... \$148,647
to be funded by the Connecticut State Department of Education for summer school reading programs in Priority School Districts.
2. Alliance District Grant (FY 17/18)..... \$3,821,324
to be financed by the Connecticut State Department of Education for increased Education Cost Sharing funding to support district strategies to increase student outcomes and close achievement gaps.
3. Priority School District Grant (FY 17/18) \$415,188
to be funded by the Connecticut State Department of Education to assist designated school districts in improving student achievement and enhancing opportunities.
4. Increase to MRA Out-of-Town Tuition (FY 17/18)..... \$538,660
to be financed by projected increase in tuition, bringing the total appropriation to \$1,338,660.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- C. Appropriation from Fire Reserve - Paramedic Donations \$15,000
for the purchase of five McGrath video laryngoscopes and accessories.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- D. Appropriation to Fire Reserve - Paramedic Donations..... \$1,650
to be funded by memorial donations or in appreciation of services rendered by
members of the Department which are gratefully acknowledged and accepted.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- E. Approval of revisions to water and sewer rates, charges and fees.

General Manager Shanley stated this is to take the actions necessary to comply with the budget that the Board of Directors adopted. These fee adjustments were part of the budget process.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- F. Amended appropriation to Sanitation Fund Landfill Gas Collection System
Capital Reserve up to \$200,000
to be funded by Sanitation Fund Balance.

General Manager Shanley indicated Mr. Bockus has done a significant amount of analysis on this. He would like to suggest changing the amount to read "up to \$260,000."

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- G. Approval of Community Development Block Grant Proposed Annual Action
Plan for Year 28 (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019).

General Manager Shanley stated there haven't been any changes since the Board of Directors reviewed this.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- H. Approval of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70, Pensions and Retirement, which restates Article III and Article IV of Chapter 70 to re-organize the plan benefit sections and update the plan provisions to comply with I.R.S. definitions and regulations. A copy of the amendment may be seen in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

General Manager Shanley explained this is a comprehensive rewriting of the presentation of our various pension plans. There is no substantive change, but rather a reorganization of the information.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

APPROVED - Motion to suspend the rules to continue the meeting past 11:00 p.m.

Devanney/Jones

9 Voted in Favor

- I. Revenue and Expense Appropriation to WORK_SPACE..... \$165,840
representing the estimated annual revenue and expenses for the facility
for FY 18/19.

General Manager Shanley indicated this is treated as a separate fund and the expectation is that WORK_SPACE will generate this revenue. We are close to achieving that revenue in the current year thanks to Gary Anderson, Chris Silver and Stacey Zackin for making this work so well. By

the end of this fiscal year, we expect to have \$50K returned to the General Fund to offset most of the salary of the full-time person.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- J. Appropriation from Land Acquisition and Historic Property Improvement
Bond Fund..... \$300,000
to acquire portions of 261 Center Street, 262 Center Street and 31 Pine Street for
extension of the Cheney Rail Trail.

General Manager Shanley explained this for the Burkamp properties and also includes some compensation for the future lost revenue from the billboards that are there. The agreement is complete with the exception of one line on one property, of which Town staff is researching. This will set us up so that once we have that completed, we can execute the agreement.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- K. Approval of an ordinance whereby the Town of Manchester purchases real property known as 296 Broad Street and a portion of Green Manor Boulevard from L & J Manchester LLC and L & J Manchester III LLC for the purchase price of \$400,000. A copy of the ordinance may be seen in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

General Manager Shanley just signed the Purchase and Sale Agreement today. All of the agreements are completed which allow us to move forward with the purchase of that property once the closing date is set. This eliminates, for these properties, the significant cross-deed problem that we have been dealing with for many years.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- L. 1. Approval of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 187, Sale of Food, to revise the application process and the fee schedule for the issuance of food service licenses. A copy of the amendment may be seen in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.
- 2. Approval of fee schedule for food service establishment license fees, consistent with the approved budget.

General Manager Shanley stated we are making a change where fees themselves will no longer be part of the ordinance but rather by resolution. This will allow the Board of Directors to change the fees going forward without changing the ordinance. The fees are consistent with the direction provided during the budget process.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

- M. Cemetery fee adjustments, consistent with the approved budget.

General Manager Shanley stated there are a couple of minor changes. Mr. Wolverton is here to address the changes.

Mr. Wolverton explained that in March we discussed some changes to the cemetery fees. After meeting with the new Public Works Director and having further discussion with Cemetery Foreman Chris Passera, minor changes are being suggested. The cost of an adult plot for a full burial is proposed to increase from \$900 to \$1,000, comparable to surrounding towns. This will offset another change discussed which is taking the Saturday surcharge currently at \$650 and splitting it into a surcharge for burials and a surcharge for cremations. There is also a proposed separate charge for urn vaults and large cremation vaults, currently at the same price. The net change in revenue is estimated to be about \$5K from what was budgeted. The budget book shows \$80K, which will increase to approximately \$85K.

Mayor Moran opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment, Mayor Moran opened the floor for Board Members' comments. There being no comments, Mayor Moran closed the public hearing on the above items.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR. (Removed items 8A2 and 8F. Added items 8G, H, I, J, K and L)

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2. Approval of fee schedule for food service establishment license fees, consistent
- 12.A. Appropriation to Special Projects (under \$500) as follows:
 1. Manchester, CT HOPE Initiative..... \$200
to be financed by donations which are gratefully acknowledged and accepted.
 - B. Acceptance of the public works infrastructure associated with Wetherell Terrace Subdivision.
 - C. Acceptance of resignation of Alex Pazda (R) from the Golf Course Lease Oversight Committee with a term expiring January 2020.

10. ACTION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING.

8A2. APPROVED - Emergency Management Donation Fund (CERT Team) \$4,000
to be funded by a donation from The Manchester Road Race Committee
which is gratefully acknowledge and accepted.

Galligan/Hackett
abstained)

8 Voted in Favor
(Director Jones

8F. APPROVED – Amend Item 8F. to read “up to \$260,000.”

Galligan/Jones

9 Voted in Favor

8F. APPROVED - Amended appropriation to Sanitation Fund Landfill Gas Collection
System Capital Reserve up to \$260,000
to be funded by Sanitation Fund Balance.

Galligan/Jones

9 Voted in Favor

8M. AMENDED - Amend the cemetery fee adjustments as presented tonight.

Jones/Galligan

9 Voted in Favor

8M. APPROVED – Cemetery fee adjustments, as amended tonight.

Jones/Galligan

9 Voted in Favor

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A. TABLED - Appointment of a member to the Redevelopment Agency with a term
expiring November 2021 to fill the vacancy left by Robert Schneider (R).

Castillo/Eckbreth

9 Voted in Favor

B. TABLED - Approval of an ordinance establishing a Multicultural Affairs Commission.

Eckbreth/Galligan

9 Voted in Favor

APPROVED – Remove item 11C. from the table.

Galligan/Castillo

9 Voted in Favor

11C. APPROVED - Approval to join opioid lawsuit (recommended by the Town
Attorney).

Devanney/Jones

9 Voted in Favor

12. NEW BUSINESS.

D. TABLED - Appointment of a member to the Golf Course Lease Oversight Committee with a term expiring January 2020 to fill the vacancy left by Alex Pazda (R).

Eckbreth/Hackett

9 Voted in Favor

E. Discussion of summer meeting schedule.

General Manager Shanley indicated this is driven by the CDBG approval process. The Board of Directors needs to meet on July 10, 2018. What the Board of Directors approved tonight now needs to go out to the public and be properly noticed.

After discussion, there was consensus to hold the summer Board of Directors meetings on July 10th and August 7th.

13. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA OR OF GENERAL CONCERN.

Director Jones would like to add an agenda item to an upcoming meeting or policy briefing, an update on the LGBTQ liaison that has been established. She would also like to discuss how town landmarks are named and formation of a non-profit work group.

Director Galligan pointed out that tomorrow is the 44th anniversary of D-Day. Without events like this, we likely wouldn't be sitting around this horseshoe. It is important to recognize all the soldiers who died on that date and never came home.

Director Floyd-Cranford would like to have an update on the status of hiring the 3 firefighters and how we're planning to bring more diversity into hiring for the town services.

General Manager Shanley suggested another forum, other than on a Board of Directors agenda for this discussion, as the Town has separated politics from hiring but we do need to discuss it more.

Director Floyd-Cranford responded that this was brought up by someone in the public who would like to be updated of any movement on this topic.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned until the July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Center Hearing Room.

Castillo/Hackett

9 Voted in Favor

Adjournment: 11:25 p.m.

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APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Secretary, Manchester Board of Directors