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“I talked to some towns-people and they knew before then,” Zaicek said, adding that the last update she received before he resigned was during an Aug. 24 executive session. “I’m still feeling like this is a situation where the council could’ve been more so involved.”

Mayor Moran responded to Zaicek’s complaint and said she was legally limited in what she could share with the council.

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“I can assure you that if we didn’t say anything, we were advised not to say anything,” Moran said about her conversations with Mansfield’s town attorney and town labor attorney. “Much of what we have done has been for the purpose of anticipating lawsuits and trying to make sure that whatever became public, we could defend.”

The appointment of Stephen Daly as an interim town manager to temporarily replace Aylesworth did not receive as much scrutiny by the council and passed unanimously.

The other agenda item to hear significant pushback from public comment was an affordable housing proposal.

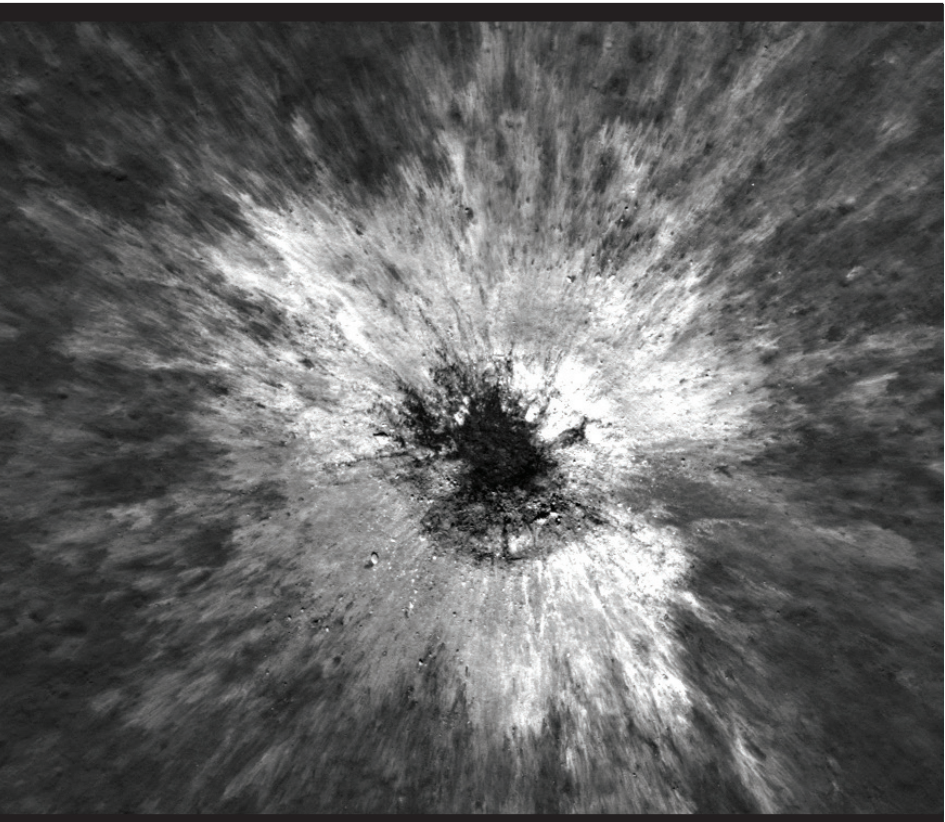
The directors of the Planning, Housing & Zoning Commission and Economic Development Commission, Jennifer Kaufman and Steven Ferrigno, began the meeting with plans to add housing to Depot Road. The plan would cost \$900,000 for 5 units.

The nonprofit affordable housing developer Housing Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut would use a loan from Mansfield’s \$4,394,821 Affordable Housing Trust Fund if the proposal is past, according to the meeting agenda. The agenda said revenue from the project would go back into the fund as the developer pays off the 30 year loan.

One Coventry resident representing the Centers for Housing Opportunity Eastern Connecticut spoke in favor of the project and seven residents brought up potential issues during the public hearing.

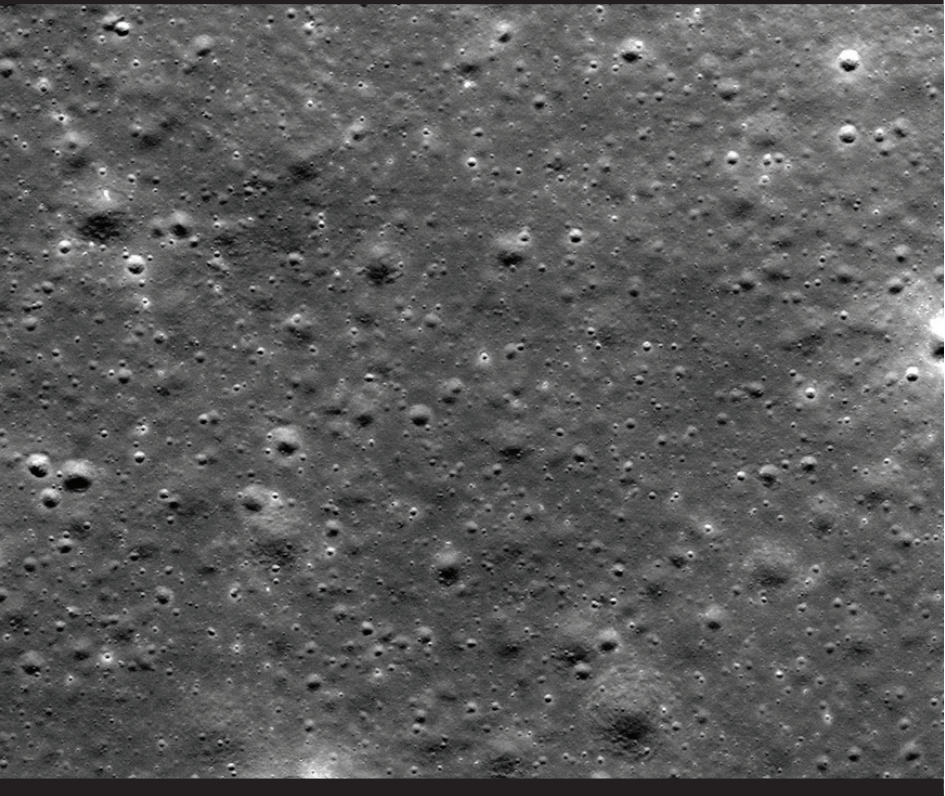
While not every resident who spoke opposed of the project or affordable housing, most were concerned about the impact to nearby historical sites like the Mansfield Christian Fellowship.

NASA spacecraft discovers a huge new crater on the moon



This combination of photos made by NASA’s Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter shows the same area on the surface of the moon before and after a newly-discovered crater in May 2024.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Scientists have discovered a crater on the moon that’s bigger than the Roman Colosseum and is the result of a powerful impact two years ago that initially went undetected.

The steep-sided hole — about 728 feet (222 meters) across and up to 141 feet (43 meters) deep — is the solar system’s biggest known impact crater carved out in recent times.

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NASA SCIENTISTS

Such a large-scale event is estimated to occur only once every 132 years, researchers said, making this a treasure trove of information as NASA prepares to build a base for astronauts on the moon.

“This event constitutes a statistically rare, effectively once-in-a-lifetime observation,” the scientists wrote in one of two studies appearing on the subject Wednesday in the journal Science Advances.

NASA’s Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter spotted the crater on the moon’s near side in May 2024 soon after it was formed by an incoming fragment of an asteroid or comet. The moon strike escaped real-time detection by telescopes on Earth and in space.

LRO’s wide-angle images were not identified in the crush of data until August 2025. The spacecraft gathered more detailed pictures last fall, followed by confirmation of the discovery early this year.

The crater — named for the late Thomas McGetchin, a former director of Houston’s Lunar and Planetary Institute — is three times bigger than the previous record-holder found by the LRO a decade ago. Pockmarked since ancient times, the moon bears some of the solar system’s largest impact

craters, including one that stretches more than 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometers) across.

This latest impact churned the lunar surface for more than 66 miles (100 kilometers). Dust and rocky soil were hurled away at a higher angle than expected, according to Mark Robinson, chief scientist for the LRO’s cameras who works at Intuitive Machines. Robinson was the lead author for one of the studies.

A separate study identified a 4-mile-wide (7-kilometer-wide) cold spot around the new crater, consistent with a loosening of the moon’s top soil. Co-author David Paige of the University of California, Los Angeles, likens it to gardening.

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“We’re now thinking of impacts as a way to garden the regolith — churning the sediments and putting stuff above that’s usually below the surface,” Paige said in a statement.

The LRO’s numerous crater discoveries since its launch in 2009 show that the moon’s top inch (2 centimeters) of soil is being overturned by ejected material every 80,000 years, faster than previously thought, according to Robinson.

Contrary to the popular belief that the Apollo moonwalkers’ dusty lunar footprints will last forever, they will “definitely be long gone in that time frame,” Robinson said in an email.

The next step is to calculate the risk of ejected crater material striking NASA’s planned moon base, he added. “That information will help engineers harden structures so one won’t have to worry about damage, or maybe worry less.”

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