

**Town of Montville
Public Safety Building Committee
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**Special Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall, Council Meeting Room**

1. Call to Order

Chair Jack Platt called the meeting came to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Those in attendance were as follows: William Bucko, Police Lt. Leonard Bunnell, alternate Ray Coggeshall (6:30 p.m.), David Jetmore, Chris Iba, John Leonard, John MacNeil, and Jack Platt. Paul Lewis and Resident State Trooper Sgt. Michael Collins were absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Remarks from the Public Relating to Agenda Items

There were no remarks from the public.

5. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2009 and July 30, 2009

Motion: That the Committee approves the June 25, 2009 and July 30, 2009, minutes ,as written.

Proposed by: John Leonard

Seconded by: Bill Bucko

Vote: Carried unanimously

6. Approval of Meeting Schedule

Motion: That the Committee approves meeting dates for the calendar year 2009 and forwards it to Town Clerk for posting as follows:

Thursday	September 24, 2009	6 p.m.
Thursday	October 22, 2009	6 p.m.
Thursday	November 19, 2009	6 p.m.
Thursday	December 17, 2009	6 p.m.

Proposed by: Dave Jetmore

Seconded by: Len Bunnell

Vote: Carried unanimously

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

8. Presentation by Town Planner and Town Engineer

Town Planner Marcia Vlaun and Town Engineer Tom Fenton were absent from the meeting. L. Bunnell reported that there was a communication breakdown with the Town Planner who was to discuss with the Town Engineer at tonight's meeting the dynamics of a building committee and the fine points of undertaking such a project. The discussion was to include developing a project budget, hiring a consultant, the duties of a consultant, and potential funding sources. L. Bunnell also reported that a follow up meeting with Kastle Boos as proposed at the June meeting was cancelled due to the ramifications of unfair advantage.

9. Old Business

a. Continue discussion on road trip to Massachusetts.

The Committee discussed a visit to the Stonington Public Safety Building. Per the Committee's approval, L. Bunnell agreed to set up the trip for Wednesday, September 16, at 9 a.m. A similar trip was also proposed for the Clinton facility and a follow-up to the Abbington, MA, facility whose town and public safety department size is similar to that of Montville. J. Platt commented that the follow-up trips to Clinton and Abbington, MA, would benefit new members who were not a part of the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Building Committee. L. Bunnell will make arrangements for these trips and then notify the Committee.

10. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

11. Remarks from the Public

There were no public remarks.

12. Remarks by Committee members

D. Jetmore welcomed new members Chris Iba and alternate Ray Coggeshall to the Committee. L. Bunnell introduced Committee members to the new members summarizing the background in construction and/or Town politics of each. He also agreed to provide them with copies of the report developed by the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Committee and prepared by B. Bucko that evolved into the Space Needs Assessment presented to and approved by the Town Council at its June meeting. Committee members were also given a reference handout by L. Bunnell entitled *Public/Private Partnerships and Major Infrastructure Construction Manual*.

J. Platt asked that new members be brought up-to-date as to the progress of the Committee from its start as the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Building Committee as was given to him and J. Leonard at last month's meeting. C. Iba asked about funds for the budget. L. Bunnell commented that the Town Planner was to initially provide funds from her budget for a consultant. He added that the consultant would be disqualified from taking part in the actual building process. D. Jetmore added that the approximate cost for the public safety building is proposed to be \$6,000,000. He also spoke about the letter he wrote to the Governor Rell regarding ARRA funds for the project that is essentially shovel ready and for which he received no response. L. Bunnell added that the letter to Governor Rell regarding the \$800,000 that was to be allocated to the Town of Montville be placed on the agenda for next month's

meeting. J. Platt commented that he did not see the Committee actively fundraising for the project. He added that he is seeking information about the availability of funding from the Department of Homeland Security. B. Bucko spoke to his telephone calls to Representative Joe Courtney and other legislators of both parties for which he received no response. L. Bunnell added that the letter writing campaign to the legislators resulted in returned mail. B. Bucko added that the request to the Mohegan tribe did not bear fruit either. In response to C. Iba's question as to who owns the current public safety building, L. Bunnell explained that the impetus for a new public safety building was the condition of the current site that he described as being roach and rodent ridden with water that is not potable, sewage in the basement, and a roof that needs replacing. J. Platt asked about the size of the proposed parking lot for the project and was told that it would hold 100 vehicles.

Motion: **That the Committee suspend the meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in an attempt to contact the Town Planner as to her attendance at this meeting.**

Proposed by: John McNeil
Seconded by: Dave Jetmore
Vote: **Carried Unanimously**

The Committee was unsuccessful in contacting the Town Planner. J. Leonard reported on his research for grants for public safety communication centers. He said that upwards of \$1,000,000 is available through the Department of Homeland Security but the funds are dispensed at the discretion of the governors, by state. Funds from the Department of Homeland Security would also be used for regionalization according to J. Platt. Discussion of the same followed.

13. Adjournment

Motion: **That the meeting is adjourned.**

Proposed by: Len Bunnell
Seconded by: John McNeil
Vote: **Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jack Platt, Chair
Public Safety Building Committee

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Secretary
Date Approved _____