

Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, Sept 26, 2012  
5:30 p.m. – Room 102 – Montville Town Hall  
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1. Call to Order

Chairman Longton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. after establishing a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Caron, McFee (5:35 p.m.) and Longton. Also present was Public Works Director Don Bourdeau, Volunteer Sandy Gregory and Ralph Fargo from Stirling Superior

4. Presentations – none.

5. Alterations to the Agenda – none

6. Approval of the July 26, 2012 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Longton: Motion carried

7. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda

Mr. Fargo requested if he could reserve his comments to Section 8e as he had several things to say and some paperwork to pass out and discuss. His request was approved.

8. Old Business

a. Discussion regarding re-use/free items and tag sales.

Sandy reported that the contributions and sales figure this year is way down and attributed that to the sagging economy. The total raised for the town for the 10-year period ending FY2011 is \$205,841.

b. Discussion regarding road repairs and chip sealing/paving.

Forsyth Rd has been chipped and sealed and is scheduled for 1.5” of asphalt to be laid. The Raymond Hill Rd asphalt effort was not correctly done and will be redone in the spring by the same contractor at no cost to the town.

c. Discussion regarding Transfer Station Operations/STEAP Grant to redesign.

1. Don Bourdeau discussed the STEAP Grant details and let us know the expected timeline until the town gets the money from the state to do the work.

2. Councilor Dana McFee stated that we are stealing money from the State of Connecticut by asking for this money and that it is a waste of taxpayer dollars. He was adamant that we are “stealing” by asking the state for the grant to pay for things that the town doesn’t need.

3. He tied his comment to the town implementing town-wide trash pickup as a better use of the money.

4. Don defended the grant request stating that it would pay for the needed repairs at the transfer station that are currently in violation of state statute. He further stated that such repairs are precisely the kind of thing that the grant was set up for.
  5. Dana responded that he did not believe that the town deserved to ask for the money and reiterated that the Public Works dept was stealing money from the state by doing so.
  6. Councilor Longton informed Councilor McFee that he was certainly entitled to his opinion but that he agreed with Mr. Bourdeau that the violations needed to be addressed and that the town was correct to avail itself of state funding that had been appropriated for just such purposes.
- d. Discussion regarding bridge repairs.
1. Don Bourdeau met with his counterpart last month (August 2012) to discuss progress with the Montville Road Bridge.
  2. He stated that Norwich now has state money for the Montville Road Bridge but now would prefer to not do the project at all.
  3. Montville has \$300,000 from the state fund for the bridge.
  4. Norwich and Montville are engaged in completing the engineering studies and creating the engineering drawings for the bridge, all of which must be completed before any work can begin.
  5. Councilor McFee stated his position that we should not wait for the studies and design work but because we have state money in-hand that Montville should start work immediately.
  6. Councilor McFee expressed that if Norwich is worried about traffic exiting left onto Route 82 to go to WalMart or Big Y that they have the option of installing a very short road off Montville Road directly into the parking lot.
  7. All councilors agree that it has been too long delayed and want Mayor McDaniel to step up and begin pressuring Norwich to get on with it. This committee offers that as a direct request to the Mayor.

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- e. Discussion regarding RFP for town wide trash pickup.
1. Don Bourdeau passed out the bids that he received for town-wide trash pickup. Don stated that we now have the bids but that this is only 1 side of the equation. We now need to add in the revenue stream in order to obtain a complete picture. He will provide the committee with those numbers at the next meeting.
  2. He stated that if such a program is implemented that the transfer station would continue to operate as it is but that it would be open to the public only 2 days per week. Employment at the station would likely drop to only 3 or 4.
  3. Councilor McFee stated that he believes that we only need 2 employees at the station; the rest could be laid off. To save the town more money.
  4. Below is a charted summary of the bids received

Vendor	Bid	Alt Bid - MSW with Carts	Alt Bid - Recycling with Carts
Willimantic Waste	No Bid	yr 1: \$409,092	yr 1: \$409,092
		yr 2: \$419,319	yr 2: \$419,319
		yr 3: \$429,802	yr 3: \$429,802
		3 yr total: \$1,258,213	3 yr total: \$1,258,213
F.E. Crandall	\$1,109,016 for MSW	\$4.37 per household per month	\$4.80 per household per month
	annual cost MSW \$369,672		
	\$1,109,016 for Recycling		
	Annual Cost Recycling \$369,672		
Stirling Superior	\$1,079,997 for MSW	No Alt Bid	No Alt Bid
	annual cost MSW \$359,999		
	\$719,997 for Recycling		
	annual cost Recycling \$239,999		
MJ Sauchuk	\$2,115,540 MSW and Recycling	\$4.90 per household per month	\$2.40 per household per month
	annual cost MSW and Recycling \$705,180		

5. Mr. Ralph Fargo from Stirling Superior then entered the discussion as previously agreed to answer questions.

9. New Business

- a. Discussion regarding establishing a policy for use of a recycling container to benefit Non-Profit Organizations from the Town of Montville at the Transfer Station.
  1. Popularly known as “Nickels for Non-Profits”
  2. Discussion was had about all the non-profits in town that might avail themselves of this.
  3. If implemented the non-profits would be assigned regular days that were theirs to pick up. The entire responsibility for pickup would be on them and the town would have no responsibility beyond making the service available.
  4. Don will bring an accountability proposal back to the committee next month.

10. Remarks from the Public – none

11. Remarks from the Councilors

- a. Councilor Dana McFee lamented that Democratic town politics prevented implementation of Town-Wide trash pickup.
- b. Councilor Chuck Longton strenuously objected and stated that Councilor McFee had himself chaired the committee for 2 years previous and had done nothing whatsoever to move the project forward. He further reiterated that upon the beginning of the current term when he became chair that he had promised Councilor McFee that he would move the project forward to a reasonable conclusion in such a way that politics would not have a voice in the decision and that in spite of Councilor McFee’s newly stated complete lack of interest and concern (see July 2012 minutes) that that was a promise that he intended to keep.
- c. Councilor Bill Caron had no remarks.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Longton to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Longton, Chair of the Public Works & Solid  
Waste Committee.

(Currently the Town has not supplied a replacement Recording Secretary)