

Town of Montville
Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2016
5:30 p.m. – Montville Town Hall – Room 102

1. Call to Order
Councilor Caron called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, Longton, Pollard)
Present were Councilors Caron, Longton, and Pollard. Also present was Public Works Director Donald Bourdeau, Jr.
4. Presentations
Lucy Meseha, in March 2016, noticing a “massive amount of litter” along Route 32 between St. Bernard School and the Museum, took the liberty to clean up the road with her son, a young Marine at the Norwich VFW, as part of his community service. Due to her shock and dismay, she also reported the littering to the Police Department. She has also spoken with the Mayor, Town Councilors and the CT DOT (Department of Transportation) regarding her concerns. Taking pride in her Town, hoping to leave a legacy for her children, and, possibly, bring back or bring in businesses, she is interested in promoting a program to help clean up the Town and is requesting the Town’s help. She suggested raising the fine to help discourage littering and/or introducing a volunteer program through the Youth Center and Social and Senior Services.

The raising of the fine for littering will need to be investigated and its legality will need to be reviewed. Councilor Caron stated that they are planning to revive the Town’s Adopt-a-Road Program and the prisoners have also helped pick up the litter on the roads. The Lions and Rotary Clubs, among other organizations, who are involved with the Adopt-a-Road Program, are continuing to help clean up some of the roads. In addition, for those wishing to volunteer to pick up trash along the roads, the Public Works Department will supply a kit, which includes the garbage bags, pickers, and vests. Director Bourdeau aims to revive the Adopt-a-Road Program in early 2017 and sought her help in promoting the program and generating the energy necessary to encourage the residents. In addition to signage, he also proposed the Town Council recognize the individuals by presenting volunteers with a certificate.

Ms. Meseha was thanked for her time and enthusiasm.
5. Alterations to the Agenda
The following item was added to the Agenda:
 item 9(a) No Dogs Allowed Signage at Camp Oakdale
6. Approval of:
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes on August 24, 2016
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 2-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron and Longton. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor Pollard. Motion carried.

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7. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda

Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, Oakdale, questioned item 8(c). Councilor Caron stated that the item is a review of the Town-owned properties in an effort to gauge the life-cycle and/or any necessary repairs of the property(ies). Questioning the Church on Raymond Hill Road, Mr. Pike stated that the new doors are not historically accurate and the fascia located above the doors has been wide open for the past three months. The project is being handled by the Planning & Zoning Department.

Mr. Pike also spoke in support of item 8(j) Vehicle Replacement Policy, stating the need for more oversight and for more positive coverage of the Town by the press. Placing the vehicles under the guise of the Public Works Department, who will maintain proper records, evaluate and determine the status of all Town-owned vehicles, including school buses, and for all vehicle requests to derive from and be reviewed by Public Works, in conjunction with the Mayor and Finance Director, before being presented to the Town Council would be very beneficial for the Town, its employees, and budget.

8. Old Business

a. Road repair schedule update

Road repairs have been completed for the season with the exception of the striping of the roads. Some of the roads, including Chesterfield, Old Colchester, Fellows, and Williams Roads, are experimental. The roads have been double-chip sealed with quarter-inch cut stone; its durability during the winter months will be gauged. It is hoped that the maintenance of these roads will save on the expense of grinding and paving the roads in the future. The grinding and paving for such roads as Gay and Sharp Hill is estimated to cost upwards of \$200,000.00 each. He noted that the Town of Waterford is also in the process of chip-sealing their roads. Councilor Caron commended Director Bourdeau with seeking alternative avenues in an effort to save funds and doing what is right for the Town. In response to Councilor Longton, he stated that the drainage on the roads is also being evaluated prior to working on the road. The replacement of existing metal pipes has been an issue, especially with the major developments, e.g., Montville Manor and Lathrop Development. The condition of the pipes is often dependent upon the gauge, the soil, quality of the pipe, etc.

b. Proposed changes to the current Transfer Station regulations – *no discussion*

c. Review of the infrastructures of Town-owned properties

The plans for the old Youth Center are unknown at this time. The building will be locked and winterized. Currently, the Old Town Hall is primarily being used by the Social Services Department. Other areas are being used by the Historical Society and for storage.

d. Old V&A/Social Services Building update

The plumbing for the building is in the process of being completed. The carpeting and tiles have been installed and the building has been painted. A handicap ramp will be installed before the winter. The building should be ready for occupation by January 2017.

e. Discussion of the Re-Use Room

Councilor Caron has received some very positive comments regarding the Re-Use Room and the success of the program.

f. Wish List – *no discussion*

g. Adopt-a-Road Program – *no discussion*

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h. Recycle Contract

The Town Council approved the Recycling Contract with Willimantic Waste. A petition was initiated, but has since been withdrawn. The contract has not yet been signed, pending a meeting with Willimantic Waste regarding the possibility of purchasing additional containers for those who might require two (2) containers – such requests may need to be monitored to ensure the residents are, in fact, using both containers. Seniors, who find the large container too cumbersome, may request a smaller container. In addition, should the Town be unsatisfied with the change after at least one year, they may revert back to a weekly pick-up.

i. Revised Contract for Part-Time Employees

The revised contract should come before the Town Council by their November meeting.

j. Vehicle Replacement Policy

The Policy is currently being discussed in the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Subcommittee and should be in place before the 2017-2018 budget season.

k. Transfer Station update – *no discussion*

l. Youth Services move to Fair Oaks update

The move has been completed with the exception of a shed and the basketball hoops. The old building will have minimal heat, be winterized, locked up, and cleaned up. Director Bourdeau will provide the Committee with a general overview of the condition of the building.

9. New Business

a. No Dogs Allowed Signage, Camp Oakdale

Due to the designation of the area in which dogs are not allowed, it has not been possible to post the signage at the Park. For the time being, the Department may post signage in front of each of the fields until the final map is posted that will show the designated areas. It is understood that the Parks and Recreation Department will be providing the funding for the signage.

Councilor Longton reported that the Mayor will be reviewing the ponding/puddling at the new parking lot following the recent rainstorm. He also enquired about the status of getting the water hooked up at the School to which Councilor Caron stated that it is his understanding that the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) Superintendent is in the process of meeting with the School to transfer their services over to the WPCA.

10. Remarks from the Public

Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, spoke with regards to the public's perception of the purchasing of a new police vehicles and stated that the Vehicle Replacement Policy will help put the issue to rest.

11. Remarks from the Councilors – *none*

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville