

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes - July 25, 2016 - 6:00 PM
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to order.

Chairman Jetmore called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Commission held a moment of silence for the public safety

2. Pledge of allegiance.

All stood and pledged the flag. A moment of silence was held in honor of the public service officers and citizenry, who lost their lives in recent tragedies.

3. Roll Call.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Elizabeth Adams, James Moran, Karen Perkins, and David Jetmore. Also present were Mayor Ronald McDaniel, RST Sgt. Keith Juhola, and Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner. Absent were Commissioners Gary Allyn and Michael Doherty. A quorum was present.

4. Amendments to the Agenda. -- None

5. Communications: Copies of monthly statistics reports from Fire Departments, Fire Marshal, Police, Animal Control and Building Official.

Commissioner Jetmore commented on department reports sent electronically including a letter of appreciation from Sgt. Jeffrey McDermott, RST of East Lyme to Mayor McDaniel for the mutual aid assignment of Officer Karen Moorhead, who assisted at the Celebrate East Lyme Day Festival on June 16. He also referenced a letter of thanks from University of New Haven graduate student and Montville resident Ellen Fetrow to Lt. Leonard Bunnell for the assistance provided by Detective Radford with completing her assignment to interview detective and/or investigator as part of her Criminal Justice degree.

6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2016.

Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2016, as written. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 4-0; all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Remarks from the Public (agenda items—three-minute limit).

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks. There were none.

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Report

Per the electronic monthly statistics report submitted by Lt. Bunnell for the police department, there were 1249 calls for service during June 2016.

Resident State Trooper Sgt. Juhola reported on the following:

- The Department is actively involved in developmental services in and out of town including numerous investigations.
- Two (2) new officers are in FTO taking calls, writing reports, and working more in vehicles.
- The Department is transitioning in new Tasers in addition to portable and mobile units.
- Water safety is being promoted and encouraged.
- The Naloxone Program is progressing and is pending government approval.

Fire Department Report – See Remarks by Mayor.

Animal Control Report – None

Building Report –

For the month ending June 30, 2016, the following was reported:

Permits Issued	126
Open Permits	2523
Inspections.	141
Plan Reviews	22
CO's	13
Violations	2
Unsafe Notices	1

9. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons. -- None

10. Unfinished Business.

- a. Consideration and action upon the report and findings of the Sub-committee's meetings with Fire Chiefs on Public Safety Plan. (*Update*).
Commissioner Jetmore commented and Commissioner Perkins concurred that there are still questions that need to be addressed with the Fire Marshal about the plan.
- b. Consideration and action concerning the proposed agreement with district fire houses. (*Update*).
Mayor McDaniel reported that he gave the Town Attorney two additional drafts of agreements from other towns for review and consideration.
- c. Administration of Nasal and/or Injectable Naloxone. (*Update*).
This item was discussed earlier under agenda Item 8.

11. New Business. -- None

12. Remarks from the Public (non-agenda items—three-minute limit).

Commissioner Jetmore asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

13. Remarks from the Mayor.

Mayor McDaniel remarked on two upcoming fire safety related drills at Millstone and the need to update the EMS schedule. He pointed to the budget when speaking about a brush fire in Gales Ferry for which the Town provide mutual aid that necessitated overtime. He also said responses to ambulance calls continue. Mayor McDaniel also spoke about an additional fire responder position at the Chesterfield fire station and updated the Commission about the Fire Marshal who is scheduled to be out for medical reasons. He also recognized Lt. Bunnell's 25th anniversary and a dunking event (of the Mayor) by the Montville Youth Services.

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Council Liaison L. Tanner thanked the public safety departments for their participation with the carnival and car auction.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Perkins asked whether the public safety entities have liaisons who are available to provide reports to the Commission in their absence. She stated that she wants to have a purpose for her service to the Commission. Commissioner Jetmore stated that her purpose was the work that she and Commissioner Adams have done in meeting and working with the fire departments.

Commissioner Adams reported on complaints about Gardener's Lake—dirty, no lifeguards, drug paraphernalia, no dumpster or trash cans--and communicated through letters to the DEEP via Facebook. Mayor McDaniel commented that the responsibility for the upkeep of the lake is the DEEP conservation officers that may been impacted due to less State resources. He stated he would provide Commissioner Adams with the town representatives on the Gardner Lake Authority in addition to the minutes from their last meeting. Mayor McDaniel also stated that he has proposed an open burn ordinance that was discussed by the Town Administration Rules & Procedures Committee, a subcommittee of the Town Council.

Commissioner Jetmore also confirmed with the Commissioners that they would be available for the next monthly meeting on August 22nd.

16. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 4-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Clerk, Town of Montville