

**Town of Montville Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2009
5:30 p.m. – Town Hall**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Radgowski called the regular meeting of the Solid Waste Sub-Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call** – Present were Councilors Buebendorf, Murphy and Radgowski. Also present were Don Bourdeau, Public Works Director, Sandi Gregory, Volunteer for the Re-Use/Free Items
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – Motion made by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Buebendorf to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.
5. **Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda** – none.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Re-Use/Free Items** – Sandi Gregory stated donations have been sparse although the room has maintained a steady two thousand dollars a month despite the lower donations. She indicated it is tag sale season and many residents are holding sales of their own instead of donating to the room. Don Bourdeau indicated there have been no issues reported and things are going well.
 - b. **Transfer Station Operations – General Discussion**

Don Bourdeau indicated there have been no issues reported. He discussed his plan to advertise for part time fill in people who will be able to cover the full time permanent employee vacations. He indicated there is money in the budget for this position. He discussed the need to purchase a small machine to help with general clean up and snow removal at the Transfer Station. He anticipates the purchase of a used machine will be between five and seven thousand dollars if a used machine can be found. The machine would be a multi-purpose tool in helping around the landfill and he hopes he can locate and purchase one in the near future. He stated there is money in the account from this years' budget if he can cut back on a few other things to cover the cost. A discussion was held regarding the use of inmates for help with local projects. At this time the inmates are used in the landfill, but it is anticipated this program will soon come to an end if the Town does not sign a liability waiver indicating the Town is responsible for the inmate while they are working for the Town, therefore the Town is phasing out the use of this program.

c. Recycling Education – D. Bourdeau stated an article has been published in East West Magazine regarding items that can be recycled. He hopes this will help residents to determine what can go in the recycling bin and what needs to go to the hazardous waste drop off locations. He discussed a mock crash scheduled at the High School and general recycling information.

d. Speed Dips – D. Bourdeau discussed the installation of speed dips at the Transfer Station for the purpose of controlling speed. He indicated there have been many complaints regarding how fast residents travel inside the Transfer Station. He stated they are painted orange and are well posted. In all three speed dips were installed and he hopes this will help with the speed problem.

e. Hazardous Waste Collection – Don Bourdeau distributed the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recover Authority (SCRRA) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Schedule and Information brochure. This brochure explains how the hazardous waste collections work, where they are located and the items accepted and the items that are not accepted during the collection. He stated the collection in Montville will be held at the Tyl Middle School on August 22, 2009. There is no charge for dropping off the materials and he hopes this will encourage residents to drop off their hazardous waste. He discussed the need to recycle mercury thermostats. Councilor Buebendorf inquired if this could be incorporated into the instructional video produced by the high school students.

7. New Business

a. Transfer Station Improvements

D. Bourdeau stated they are pouring new concrete pads at the Transfer Station and indicated the money for this project is in the Capital Plan. He discussed the proposed redesign for the Transfer Station and indicated a final design will not be implemented until it is determined if there will be town wide curbside pickup. At this time there are three or four vendors who are picking up residential trash.

b. Recycling Bid

D. Bourdeau indicated this is a recycling RFP, not a bid. This way the town does not have to take the lowest bid, possibly compromising better service. He discussed single stream pickup vs. dual stream recycling pickup. A discussion was held regarding dump pass stickers fees. Montville still has one of the lowest priced dump stickers in the State, with some towns as high as seventy five dollars per year.

8. Remarks from the Public – none.

9. Remarks from the Members – none.

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10. Adjournment – Motion made by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Buebendorf to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville