

**Town of Montville
Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall, Room 102**

**Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022
throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools.**

**Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Health strongly recommends that
all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.**

1. Call to Order
Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, Mandler, and McNally)
Present were Councilors Caron (5:20 p.m.), Mandler, and McNally. Also present was Public Works Crew Leader John Carlson.
4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2022
Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor.
5. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda
Parks & Recreation Commission Vice Chairman Rocky Stone provided the Committee with a list of the status of parks & recreation items, including ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) I and II items. They are hoping to work with the Councilors to receive price estimates for some of the projects.

Councilor Bunnell reported that the Library Committee is interested in utilizing the neighboring church building, including expanding the library and using it as an additional meeting room.
6. Old Business
 - a. Raymond Hill Church
Chairman McNally provided a brief background of the old Church. Discussions have included leasing the building to the Historical Society or the Library. Issues have included funding and the lack of parking and bathrooms. He plans to tour the building and speak with the Library regarding their interest in leasing the building.

b. Boat Launch and Boat Parking Lot

Additional grant funding is being sought to expand the fishing pier. A plot plan, which includes limited parking for boats and trailers, was presented to the Committee. The State has agreed to fund the entire project with the exception of the boat launch area. The upper parking lot is not available for use.

Chairman McNally requested that the area where it gets narrow with the two walls be mowed/weed whacked.

c. Road Clean Up and Weed Whacking

Two mowers and a sweeper are being used to mow the sides of the roads. A third individual will be trained tomorrow on the use of the equipment.

Leffingwell Road will be mowed and re-swept in preparation for micro-paving in early July. It was noted that East Lake Road near the new homes is also in need of mowing. In an effort to control the growth of the Japanese Knotweed, two workers have been tasked with clearing certain locations, including Bridge Street, Chapel Hill, and Simpson Lane, every two weeks.

d. Discussion of Town Equipment

The Town currently owns two boom mowers, one flail mower, and one sickle bar mower. The sickle bar mower is old and outdated and is no longer being utilized. Pricing for a simple tractor with an arm and a new truck with a utility box to replace one of their older trucks will be sought.

e. Clean-up of Brush and Millings

The millings at Schofield Pond are still in need of being cleaned up. P&H Construction started to clear the millings, but due to equipment issues, the project was halted. They will be contacted regarding the status of the clearing.

f. Road Improvement Program

1) Schedule of Roads for Drainage & Paving / Status of Road Improvement Bond

Chairman McNally reported that \$6 of the \$10 million allocated for the Bond project remains. Currently, the Department is working on Chapel Hill and Chesterfield Roads. Chairman McNally stated the importance of completing the program within the given timeframe. Discussion ensued regarding those roads that can and cannot be easily completed. An updated list prioritizing the roads will be provided to the Councilors.

g. Social Service (old Town Hall) Building Repair Schedule

Councilor Caron reported that a meeting will be held tomorrow regarding the building repairs and an estimate will be forwarded to the Committee.

h. Youth Services (Montville Community Center) Bathrooms

Chairman McNally reported that the Mohegan Tribe has agreed to provide \$100,000.00 to remodel the bathrooms.

i. Update on Building Repairs

Chairman McNally requested an updated list of necessary building repairs, including the roofing and trimming of the Public Works Building, clearing of stored items in the Bridge Street property, which was recently sold, and repairs to the old Fair Oaks School.

j. Allocation of COVID-19 Funds

The list of ARPA-funded items was reviewed. Chairman McNally requested that a generator for the Transfer Station be added to the list for funding. The Town Hall LED sign is currently in process. The Department is awaiting the final location of the sign to begin digging the trench. It was recommended that they install a sign that is equipped with an ethernet connection, making it to easier to program the sign. Bids for the concrete slab for the Senior Center refrigerator and freezer is being sought.

k. Animal Control Facility Update

The architectural firm has been selected for the project. The Department should begin clearing the proposed area for the facility, including the removal of the trailer and drainage.

l. Laurel Point Drive Drainage Issue

The Town Engineer recommended installing underground retention basins rather than installing a pump station. The replacement of the stones was discussed and the possibility of paving the driveway was introduced.

m. Moxley Road Bridge

Chairman McNally requested that the Town Engineer begin devising a plan for the widening of the bridge. The project will be considered for one of the shovel-ready projects that could qualify for government funding.

7. New Business

a. Cleanup of Schofield Pond

Parks & Recreation Commission Vice Chairman Stone provided a brief review of their plans for the area, including a Firemen's Park, storage area for the fire companies, picnic area, and fencing. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the plans for the area.

b. Camp Oakdale Building

Chairman McNally stated that the project was temporarily halted due to the increased cost of the project. Additional estimates will be sought.

c. Football Building Siding

Estimates for the siding of the building will be sought. The building is technically owned by the Town and maintained by Football. It was noted that funding for the cement padding for the bleachers has been approved and estimates will be sought.

d. Summer Help

One individual has been hired for summer help. Comparable wages of the position from other towns will be sought to determine the possible need to increase the wages.

8. Remarks from the Public

Discussion ensued regarding the Camp Oakdale Pavilion, Tennis Court/Dog Park parking lots, and Camp Oakdale bathroom locks. Estimates for electronic timer locks for the bathroom(s) will be sought.

9. Remarks from the Councilors – *none*

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Mandler to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville