

**Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 27, 2010
5:45 p.m. – Council Meeting Room – Town Hall**

1. Call to Order

Chairman McFee called the regular meeting of the Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee to order at 5:50 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf and McFee. Also present were Public Works Director, Don Bourdeau, Transfer Station employee Flo Turner, Volunteer, Sandie Gregory and Winston Averill, Regional Recycle Coordinator.

Councilor Beetham made a motion to add to the agenda item 7 (g) Discussion regarding recycling. Councilor Buebendorf seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Beetham to approve the December 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

D. Bourdeau distributed documents for the Commission to review regarding the Adopt a Road Program. He suggested the Councilors look the material over and discuss the topic at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

D. Bourdeau stated Public Works has been cleaning trash off of Old Colchester Road and has plans to clean up Chesterfield Road, Black Ash Road, and Leffingwell Road. He indicated trash pickup will continue as weather permits.

7. New Business

a. Discussion regarding town wide trash pickup

Councilor McFee stated he would like to propose the town get an RFP (Request for Proposal) from contractors who are willing to pick up residential household trash

curbside for the residents of Montville in order to determine if the town can save money by using this service. He discussed numbers that indicate two thirds of the residents would benefit from the town wide pickup service. He discussed billing and administrative costs relating to a town wide pickup and offered options for these costs. D. Bourdeau stated they could get accurate numbers by asking the current haulers of trash how many customers they service in Montville. It is estimated approximately two thousand residents currently use the Transfer Station yearly. This number is determined by the number of passes issued. Councilor Beetham suggested obtaining further information before making a decision regarding town wide trash pickup. He suggested going out to bid for both curbside pickup of trash and for curbside pickup that includes the tipping fees in order to get numbers to determine if it is feasible for the town and if it would save residents money to do. It was the consensus of the Councilors to ask the Town Council for permission to send out an RFP for the curb side residential trash pickup. Councilor Buebendorf discussed the ongoing abuse of the punch card system at the transfer station by people who are not residents of the town and discussed alternative options for trash disposal. Winston Averill discussed procedures for other towns and offered his help with gathering numbers and information for the town if needed. D. Bourdeau offered to draw up an RFP for discussion and approval at the next meeting. A discussion was held regarding single stream recycling. A discussion was held regarding a possible spring and fall town wide clean up. D. Bourdeau discussed the pros and cons of a town wide clean up and the costs of having one. Discussions were held regarding bulky waste pickup by appointment, metal only pickup, hazardous waste pickup, and the costs to the town to offer these services. Councilor McFee stated he heard from many residents who are in favor of the town offering a free spring and fall cleanup. He stated it may help residents clean up some of the blighted properties. Councilor Beetham stated a decision should be made soon if they plan to host a spring clean up by May.

b. Discuss Disposal of Old Town Vehicles

D. Bourdeau stated there are between twelve and fifteen old and unused vehicles stored at the Transfer Station. He hopes to move them out as they are getting vandalized and the weather is ruining them. He discussed options for disposing of the vehicles, including hosting an auction, selling them to an auction house, recycling them, or listing them for sale in the newspaper or on Craigslist and on the Montville website or access channel. It was the consensus of the Councilors to obtain a price for an ad in the New London Day and discuss options at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

c. Discuss Paving Schedule for 2010

D. Bourdeau discussed his proposed paving budget for the upcoming year and broke down the approximately \$700,000 he hopes to get approved for the paving. He discussed paving needs on Gallivan Road, Fellows Road, Williams Road, Maple Avenue Extension, Old Colchester Road, Depot Road, Fielding Drive and Black Ash Road. He stated he needs to keep up with maintenance on heavily traveled roads in order to avoid

huge paving needs in the future. He discussed various paving and repairs to drainage. He discussed alternative methods of paving, including micro paving and crack sealing.

d. Discuss Beautifying Camp Oakdale with a Donated Gazebo

Councilor McFee stated Camp Oakdale is a great gem for the town that is under utilized. He would like to see the space used more often by residents than it currently is. He suggested soliciting a town developer or local business for a gazebo to put on the site for use by residents for weddings and events. Councilor Buebendorf suggested this item be passed on to the Parks & Recreation Commission for discussion.

e. Discuss Re-Opening the Swimming Area at Camp Oakdale

Councilor Buebendorf suggested this item be referred to the Parks & Recreation Commission as well. She stated it is not the jurisdiction of this commission as it only deals with maintenance of the facility and not the programs. A discussion was held regarding how the pond was utilized in the past and costs to run programs.

f. Recycling Discussion

Councilor Beetham stated this item was discussed in detail earlier in the agenda and does not have any further questions.

D. Bourdeau discussed the possibility of putting up a sign at the transfer station that encourages people to recycle. A flyer regarding single stream recycling is going to be sent to residents from SCCRA. Councilor Buebendorf suggested contacting the Montville Times to write an article regarding the need to recycle and the financial benefits of doing so.

D. Bourdeau stated the Boy Scouts collected five cent deposit cans and bottles at the Transfer Station and in a three hour period collected two eight foot truck beds full of cans or their organization. He discussed the possibility of civic organizations benefiting from this form of fund raising in the future. He is not sure how much money they raised but has asked for a number from the scout leader.

8. Remarks from the Public

Flo Turner expressed concern regarding the spring and fall clean ups. She indicated it is a hazard to leave items on the side of the road because it encourages scavengers to park along side already overcrowded and busy roads. She discussed the time and effort it will take to pick up all of the trash left behind or put out after the fact. She stated the punch card system works really well and thinks it is sufficient for disposal of unwanted items. She stated the Lions Club offers a service to haul away your unwanted items if you can not make it to the Transfer Station. She stated the costs and risks of a spring and fall cleanup are not worth it and the system does not work. She discussed the Adopt a Road

program, stating the list of roads with organizations that have adopted them needs to be updated. She stated the Montville Lions Club has offered to adopt Gallivan Lane if it is determined it is available.

D. Bourdeau read of letter of thanks from the girl scout troop #63207 for allowing them to place a container at the Transfer Station to collect unwanted sneakers for recycling.

D. Bourdeau discussed a stimulus grant given to the Town of Waterford that they will utilize for improvements to Route 32 and Lathrop Road causing detours near the Montville town line.

D. Bourdeau discussed the issue with the in-ground pool located on Alberta Place. He stated drainage calculations from an engineer have determined the construction could not have caused the water to drain down and flow into the pool. Councilor Beetham discussed the hardship this has placed on the homeowner and discussed the litigation to date between the town and the homeowner.

Councilor Buebendorf requested a copy of agendas and minutes from this commission meeting be sent to her in the future by email or in her mail box at the Town Hall.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Beetham to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 3-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville