

**Town of Montville**  
**Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25, 2024, 5:15 p.m.**  
**Montville Town Hall – Conference Room 102**

1. Call to Order  
Chairperson Caron called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, Lathrop, Southard)  
Present were Councilors Caron and Southard. Absent was Councilor Lathrop. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell and Public Works Director John Carlson.
4. Alterations to the Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, August 28, 2024  
Motion made by Councilor Southard, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None.  
Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda with a three-limit limit – *none*
7. Old Business
  - a. Raymond Hill Church  
The cleaning of the gutters is pending. The Needs Assessment Study Grant that was to be processed by the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments will be revived under the new Town Planner.
  - b. Road Improvement Program: Drainage & Paving Schedule/Road Improvement Bond  
Public Works Director Carlson reported that Maple Avenue past Pequot Road and Old Colchester Road Ext. have been paved. Massapeag Side Road from Fort Shantock to Driscoll Drive is scheduled for paving in mid-October. The Bridge Street Re-decking Plans for the old railroad bridge, which would include a pre-cast concrete bridge with a lifespan of 75 to 100 years, were presented. The proposed bridge, which would be easier and more cost-effective to maintain, is estimated to cost approximately \$500,000.00. Because the bridge is widely used by Rand-Whitney, Chairperson Caron suggested contacting them regarding the possibility of helping fund the project. The alternate route is to repair the existing bridge, increasing its lifespan by an estimated 20 years, for approximately \$200,000.00.
  - c. Youth Services (Montville Community Center) Bathrooms  
Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson Rocky Stone questioned the necessity of completing the bathrooms as the Town plans to demolish and rebuild the building.

Councilor Caron stated their plans to meet with the Architect to give the bathrooms a facelift, including changing the stalls and urinals, installing floor and wall coverings, new fixtures, and the like, in the interim.

- d. Allocation of COVID-19 Funds – *no update*
- e. Cleanup of Schofield Pond – *no update*
- f. Public Works Garage Clean-up & Breakroom  
Public Works Director Carlson will consult with the Contractor for his recommendations and an estimate of costs.
- g. Tree Clearing – *in progress*
- h. Road Standards – *no update*
- i. Road Clean-up Policy, a.k.a. Adopt-a-Road Program  
Public Works Director Carlson reported that one of the Boy Scout Troops cleaned Chapel Hill Road from the old Church (225 Chapel Hill Road) to Florida Drive and picked up a total of 565 Nip bottles. Boy Scout Troop 67 will be cleaning Massapeag Road this weekend. Mayor Bunnell reported that the D.O.C. (Department of Corrections) Program is still active, but the pool of qualifying inmates has decreased due to the low inmate count. He also reported that he has started a conversation with a State Maintenance Crew Supervisor regarding the condition of Routes 163 and 32 and plans to discuss the foliage overgrowth on Route 163 and Lynch Hill Road in his future discussions.
- j. Future Capital Projects – *out for bonding*
- k. Camp Oakdale Pavilion  
Public Works Director Carlson reported that the project is near completion. Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson Stone requested that the holes above the stage be covered to dissuade animals from entering those areas. The ceiling will be pressure washed tomorrow. Chairperson Caron recommended placing signage and taping or blocking the area while work is in progress. The possibility of installing a solar streetlight in the back parking area of the Small Pavilion is being investigated.
- l. Boat Launch  
They are working with CT DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) and Eversource to install the conduit to power the security cameras and lights. Once the cost is determined, the funding for the project, which was not included in the original grant, will be discussed with the WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority). “Fishing Pier” will be added to the Agenda item.

m. Basketball Courts

The current court will be widened, creating a legal court. Once received, the information will be provided to the Finance Director so the project can go out to bid. The sidewalk may be added to the project at a later date.

n. MS4 General Permit

The Public Works Director will be attending a meeting to transfer some of the drainage and catch basin data from CLA to the Town's GIS system.

o. Surplus Equipment

The Town's surplus equipment will be placed for sale pending additional items from the Police Department; additional research regarding the Mohegan Fire Company's old Fire Truck is necessary.

p. Trex Project – Collection and Bailing of Plastic Film

Mayor Bunnell suggested contacting NexTrex to determine what towns are involved in the program and visiting and speaking with those towns.

SCRRRA (Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority) has contracted with Casella, formerly Willimantic Waste, resulting in a variable cost for cardboard recycling, based on the commodity price and amount of contaminants. The costs will need to be weighed to determine its benefits, if any.

8. New Business

a. Playscape

The playscape is scheduled for delivery and installation in October by the Company.

b. Proposed New Camp Oakdale Storage Building

The proposed site plan for the proposed Camp Oakdale Storage Building will be introduced to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a §8-24 Review and accepted by the Town Council before the project goes out to bid.

9. Remarks from the Public with a three-limit limit – *none*

10. Remarks from the Councilors

Councilor Southard requested the receipt of the Finance Report for Public Works.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Southard, seconded by Councilor Caron, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.