

Town of Montville
Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Conference Room 102

1. Call to Order
Chairperson Caron called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, Lathrop, Southard)
Present were Councilors Caron, Lathrop, and Southard. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell and Public Works Director John Carlson.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Motion made by Councilor Southard, seconded by Councilor Lathrop. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda with a three-limit limit
Linda Tomaszek requested an update on the Fishing Pier & Boat Launch Project.
6. Old Business
 - a. Raymond Hill Church
The dehumidifier will be removed for the winter season. The mold appears to be in control at this time.
 - b. Road Improvement Program: Drainage & Paving Schedule/Road Improvement Bond
The balance of the original \$10 million Bond is in the process of being determined. The remaining funds will be used to pave Maple Avenue, including sidewalk repairs.
 - c. Youth Services (Montville Community Center) Bathrooms – *no update*
 - d. Allocation of COVID-19 Funds
Motion made by Councilor Southard, seconded by Councilor Lathrop, to remove the item from the Agenda. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. Cleanup of Schofield Pond – *no update*
 - f. Public Works Garage Clean-up & Breakroom – *no update*
 - g. Tree Clearing
Calls are received daily and several (dead) trees are being removed and trimmed, including those located on Richard Brown Road.

h. Road Standards

Discussion ensued regarding the Road Standards, the posting of the bond(s), and overseeing the completed work to ensure that the town and its taxpayers are not bearing the cost of repairing roads that were not properly repaired. Councilor Caron requested that the Mayor and Councilors review the document for further discussion and suggest possible updates.

i. Road Clean-up Policy, a.k.a. Adopt-a-Road Program – *no update*

j. Future Capital Projects

Two (2) estimates were received for the rooftop A/C Units; one (1) estimate is pending.

k. Camp Oakdale Pavilion

The lights and outlets have been installed. The State inspected the wells and provided recommendations regarding the water filtration and testing. The bathrooms will be cleaned and painted in the early spring.

l. Boat Launch (and Fishing Pier)

A letter of approval from the Army Corps of Engineers for the project was forwarded to CT DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection), whose response is pending. It is hoped that the project will go out to bid in December.

m. Basketball Courts

The Camp Oakdale Basketball Courts were milled, and the first layer of pavement was installed. After the hoops are installed, the final layer of pavement will be placed. The lines will be painted in Spring 2025. The bid process for Desjardins Park Courts has been posted; bids are due in early December. The lights will also be replaced.

As a result of complaints received regarding the lack of lighting from the football building to the parking lot, the possibility of installing telephone poles with streetlights and cameras to improve the safety of the area is being investigated.

n. MS4 General Permit – *no update*

o. Surplus Equipment – *no update*

p. Trex Project – Collection and Bailing of Plastic Film – *no update*

q. Playscape

The Playscape is complete and new wood chips have been placed.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Lathrop, to remove the item from future agendas. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

7. New Business

a. Maple Avenue Paving

The Town Engineer will be requested review the Road Standards and Improvement Details to ensure that it was followed and to review the maintenance contract.

b. Approval of 2025 Regular Meeting Dates as follows:

January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 38, June 35, July 34, August 37, September 24, October 22, November 19, December 17

Meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, with the exception of the months of November and December when it will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, at 5:15 p.m. at Montville Town Hall, 310 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville.

Motion made by Councilor Southard, seconded by Councilor Lathrop, to approve the 2025 Regular Meeting Dates as follows: January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 19, December 17. The meetings will be held at 5:15 p.m. at Montville Town Hall.

Discussion: The meeting time may be adjusted during their January Regular Meeting. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

c. Appointment of Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee Member to the Community Center Building Committee

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Southard, to nominate and appoint Councilor Lathrop to the Community Center Building Committee. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

9. Remarks from the Councilors

Public Works Director Carlson reported that the cost of non-burnable waste, e.g., pressure-treated wood, glass, sheetrock, insulation, etc., will be increasing in 2025. He will research how comparable towns are handling such waste. SCRRRA (Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority) is investigating a long-range plan for such bulky waste. The cost of waste removal will also be increasing. The Punch Cards will be evaluated to search for ways to help offset the increases.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Lathrop, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.