

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting – October 27, 2025 -- 6:00 PM**  
**Town Council Chambers – Montville Town Hall**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comments by the Chair of the meeting. The Montville Town Council Rules of Procedure, decorum, timeliness, and suitability shall be followed and enforced.**

**1. Call to order.**

Chairperson Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

All stood and pledged the flag.

**3. Roll Call.**

Present were Chairperson Gary Murphy, Vice-Chair Steven Stewart and Commissioners Brian Baker, Mickey Gillette and Karen Perkins. Absent was Commissioners William Bauer and Tracy Callaghan. A quorum was present.

**4. Alterations to the Agenda -- None**

**5. Special Recognitions and Presentations. -- None**

**6. Communications:**

Copies of monthly statistics reports from Fire Departments, Fire Marshal, Police Department, Animal Control and Building Official.

Chairperson Murphy reported that all of the statistical reports for the month ending September 30, 2025 were received from each department with the exception of the one from Montville Fire Company, as noted by Vice-Chair Stewart.

**7. To Consider and Act on a Motion to approve minutes:**

a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2025.

**Motion** by Commissioner Gillette, seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2025. Discussion: none. **Voice vote: 5-0-0, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**8. Remarks from the Public. (Agenda items only).**

Chairperson Murphy asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

**9. Remarks from Department Heads.**

Police Department Report

Lt. Radford read into the record the Animal Control reports for the month ending September 30, 2025. This data can be found under Agenda Item 10B. The Lieutenant then read positive correspondence concerning police officers as follows:

An incident report on September 24, 2025 on Blumenthal Drive regarding a report of an ex-boyfriend who called the victim stating that he was in the backyard and was about to break into the house via text was described. The victim also notified Police of the possible location of the accused’s vehicle. Upon the arrival of Officer Witts, K-9 Sig and Officer Hagios, the accused sent a text to the victim that he was in the basement. In the course of the search of the basement, Officer Witts and K-9 Sig engaged with and handled the accused taking him into custody while Officer Hagios held cover with his Taser. The injuries of the accused were assessed, and Officer Hagios recognized the need and applied a tourniquet to the accused providing care until EMS personnel arrived. The Officers’ actions and commitment to their profession reflected greatly on them and the Montville Police Department.

Officer Kelly was praised in a letter from Ari Epstein and commended for outstanding service involving an incident at a Park Avenue Ext. rental property. Officers Osunniyi, Aleshire and Cassidy who were involved were also praised for their professionalism and assistance during the incident. Officer Kelly and his team of Officers kept Mr. Epstein informed as they respectfully removed all individuals without damage or retaliation from the unauthorized party at the premises. The property was secured by the Officers who returned later that evening when additional individuals arrived. Mr. Epstein noted that he was extremely grateful for the professionalism, communication, and dedication displayed by Officer Kelly and the Montville Police Department. He wrote that the Officers’ actions reflect greatly on the Department and the community they serve.

Lt. Radford responded to a question from Vice-Chair Stewart about the Colchester ACO as whether personnel brings the dogs here for do they go to Colchester. The Lieutenant reported that the dogs are brought to Montville mostly during daytime hours or Colchester citizens are picking them up and reporting to the ACO.

Fire Marshal Report

Deputy Fire Marshal Meigel read into the record the Fire Marshal Office statistics for the month ending September , 2025, as follows:

<b>Fire Marshal’s Office Activities</b>	<b>September 2025</b>
<b>Inspections of Businesses and Apartments</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Reinspection of Businesses and Apartments</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Fire Investigations</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Incident Responses Q64 (Deputy Fire Marshal Meigel)—1 Medical, 4 Fire Alarm, 2 Structure Fires</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Community Events</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Emergency Management Incident</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Emergency Management Obligations</b>	<b>9 hours</b>
<b>Burn Permits Issued</b>	<b>8</b>

Deputy Fire Marshal Meigel also reported that one (1) fire investigation occurred on September 3rd at Connecticut Scrap which has a fire rover system that detects fire and heat from a pile. By the time the Deputy Fire Marshal arrived, the fire rover system had recharged with water, as questioned by Vice-Chair Stewart. It was determined that batteries were the cause of the fire and the company who brought them was notified by Connecticut Scrap that they are not welcome back.

**10. Committee and Liaison Reports:**

**a. Report from Fire Department Liaison. (Perkins)**

Commissioner Perkins reported that on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> the quarterly Montville Fire Relief Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. She also read into the record Montville Fire Activity statistics for September 2025, as follows:

<b>Montville Fire Activity—September 2025</b>		
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>262</b>	
<b>Fire Calls:</b>		<b>5 were assists out of town</b>
<b>Ambulance Calls:</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>4 were assists out of town</b>
<b>Lift Assists for Ambulance Calls:</b>	<b>15</b>	

**Montville Fire Company (September)—No Report**

<b>Incidents:</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Canceled Calls--</b>	
<b>EMS Calls --</b>	
<b>Fire Calls—</b>	
<b>Motor Vehicles Calls--</b>	
<b>Other Calls—</b>	
<b>Total Calls:</b>	

**Mohegan Fire Company (September 2025)**

<b>Incidents/Calls:</b>	<b>In District</b>	<b>Out of District/In Town</b>	<b>Mutual Aid</b>
<b>EMS</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Lift Assist</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fire Alarm</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>MVA</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Brush/Outside Fire</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Structure Fire</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Utility Emergency</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Vehicle Fire</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HAZMAT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Elevator Entrapment</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Smoke Investigation</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Calls: 159</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2</b>

**No Volunteers on calls in districts:** 66  
**Ambulance Transports with no paid staff:** 2  
**Ambulance Transports by other Departments in District:** 9

**Oakdale Fire Company (September 2025)**

<b>Incidents:</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cancelled Calls: (Dispatched &amp; canceled en route)</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>EMS Calls: (31 EMS call excluding vehicle accident with injury; 1 Emergency medical service incident, other)</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Fire: (2 Passenger vehicle fire; 1 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, other)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Calls: (1 Motor vehicle accident with injuries)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other Calls: (8 Medical assist, assist EMS crew; 2 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction; 2 Smoke scare, odor of smoke; 1 False alarm or false call, other; 1 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO, 1 Unauthorized burning; 1 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction; 1 Cover assignment, standby, moveup)</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>70</b>

**Chesterfield Fire Company September 2025)**

<b>Incidents:</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cancelled Calls: (Dispatched &amp; cancelled en route)</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>EMS Calls: (1 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury)</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Fire Calls: (1 Passenger vehicle fire; 1 Special outside fire, other; 1 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Calls: (1 MVA with injuries)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other Calls (27 Incident type not listed; 6 False alarm or false call, other; 3 Medical assist, assist EMS crew; 1 Unauthorized burning; 1 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO; 1 Cover assignment, standby, moveup)</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>67</b>

**b. Report from Animal Control Liaison. (Callaghan)**

The September 2025 Animal Control Activity Reports for the Towns of Montville, Colchester, Salem, Bozrah and Mohegan Tribe were submitted by Police Officer/ACO Bruce Rebelo. Lt. Radford read these reports into the record under Agenda Item 9, as follows:

**Town of Montville Animal Control Report (September 2025)**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD FY</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>
<b># of Animals Sold as Pets:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Enforcement Action:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Other Calls for Service:</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>173</b>

**Town of Colchester Animal Control Report (September 2025)**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD FY</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>

<b># of Animals Sold as Pets:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Enforcement Action:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Other Calls for Service</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Town of Salem Animal Control Report (September 2025)**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD FY</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b># of Animals Sold as Pets:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Enforcement Action:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Other Calls for Service:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Town of Bozrah Animal Control Report (September 2025)**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD FY</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals Sold as Pets:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Enforcement Action:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Other Calls for Service:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Mohegan Tribe Animal Control Report (September 2025)**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD FY</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b># of Animals Sold as Pets:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Enforcement Action:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Other Calls for Service:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**c. Report from Police Department Liaison. (Gillette)**

Commissioner Gillette read into the record the Police Department statistics for the month ending September 30, 2025, as follows:

<b>Police Department Activity – September 2025</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>972</b>
<b>Citations:</b>	
<b>Infractions</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Juvenile Summons</b>	
<b>Misdemeanors</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Written Warnings</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>159</b>

**d. Report from Building Department Liaison. (Stewart)**

The Building Department statistics for July 2024 – June 2025 are as follows:

<b>2024-2025 Building Department Report</b>												
	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>Permits Issued</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Pending Permits</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Inspections</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Active Blight</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>Blight Abated To Date</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>563</b>
<b>Blight--Pending</b>										<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Blighted Property Liens</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>								

The Building Department statistics for September 2025 were read into the record by Vice-Chair Stewart, as follows:

<b>2025-2026 Building Department Report</b>												
	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>Permits Issued</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>102</b>									
<b>Pending Permits</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>62</b>									
<b>Inspections</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>143</b>									
<b>Active Blight</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>305</b>									
<b>Blight Abated To Date</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>590</b>									
<b>Blight--Pending</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>									
<b>Blighted Property Liens</b>												

**11. Remarks from Fire Chiefs.** -- None

**12. Unfinished Business.**

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve a Policy to systemize and retain firefighter data to observe trends and effectiveness.

Vice-Chair Stewart remarked there was no update on this item.

- b. Update to the Fire Companies' radio system.

Vice-Chair Stewart remarked that information on the item is the same as last month. Chairperson Murphy reported that a meeting was being held with someone tonight.

**13. New Business.** -- None

**14. Remarks from the Public *three-minute limit*.**

Chairperson Murphy asked three (3) times for remarks. Resident Michelle Lumb of 64 Chapel Hill Road was invited to the meeting by Commissioner Baker. She remarked that Chapel Hill Road is a speedway and a danger to kids, adults, seniors, the mail carrier and a safety issue. She explained having almost gotten hit just by getting her mail. She remarked about the squealing tires she can hear while sitting on her porch and waiting for a crash. She is requesting police presence or some other method to negate the speeding on the road. Resident Patrice Bradley of 68 Chapel Hill Road remarked on having lived on the road for 33 years. She reported on incidents regarding motorcycle speeding down the hill on the road, hits to the storm drain, cars veering into the woods, and having been flipped the bird while slowing to park in

her driveway. She noted that residents walk there dogs on the road. She questioned whether a speed monitor like those on roads around the town could be installed to deter speeding.

**15. Remarks from the Mayor.**

Mayor Bunnell remarked that the Building Department vacancy remains open with no active applicants and getting the word out to attract applicants. He reported that no one has passed the State exam for the position in this area of the state that makes it more difficult. Also reported was the Fire Marshal position that remains open with the process continuing. The Mayor remarked on the Town Fire Day held earlier this month by Deputy Fire Marshal Meigel that had a lot of booths and involved a lot of work. He thank the Deputy Fire Marshal for doing a good job given the added work load and handling the Department. Mayor Bunnell also complimented and gave commendations to the police officers, particular care given to an assailant on September 24<sup>th</sup>, the great job done by all the officers and those officers commended by letter. He also remarked on the speeding as reported by residents this evening and measures that could be implemented by Chief Blanchette and Lt. Radford to curb the activity i.e., signage or a radar trailer.

**16. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.**

Town Councilor Sabilia thanked the residents who remarked this evening on the speeding on Chapel Hill Road and making us aware of their concerns. He reported having mentioned sidewalks on the road to the Town Council Chair for communication to Public Works on the same. Kudos was given to the police officers who were commended this evening and to CT Scrap for addressing the problem with the company that dumped the batteries. The Town Councilor concluded that is was nice to hear all of the good news.

**17. Remarks from Commissioners.**

Commissioner Baker thanked the residents who remarked this evening about the speeding on Chapel Hill Road. He commented on motorcycles that catch a bump on Chesterfield Road near the reservoir. He also noted that repairs to roads increases speed on them that is not always the best solution. The Commissioner concluded by thanking the Police and Fire individuals remarking that their jobs are lot of work and his appreciation for their dedication and work efforts. Commissioner Perkins thanked the residents who came to the meeting this evening and encouraged more to attend. She also praised the positive police reports and K-9 Sig who holds a special place in heart and thanked the firefighters who get up at all hours of the day and night. She concluded with a reminder to turn back clocks this weekend. Vice-Chair Stewart thanked all first responders commended this evening and Deputy Fire Marshal Meigel for all the work that he is doing. He also thanked the residents who came out to report on speeding with hope that it will be resolved on all Town roads. Chairperson Murphy remarked on having lived in the Manor since 1962 and the accidents that have occurred on Routes 82 and Chapel Hill Road over the years and as well echoed the comments of the residents on speeding this evening. The Chairperson also noted twice being a victim of Town speed enforcement and that he now drives his car a few miles over the speeding limit. He concluded

that when the Police Department are aware of an issue that they do take care of it although it may not be immediately and giving praise for their statistics as reported this evening.

**18. Adjournment.**

**Motion** by Commissioner Perkins; seconded by Vice-Chair Steward to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Discussion: none. **Voice vote: 5-0-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Gloria J. Gathers  
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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OF MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**