

TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – June 22, 2026 -- 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.

This meeting was informational; a quorum was not present.

1. Call to order.

Vice-Chair Stewart 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 Vice-Chair Stephen Stewart and Stephen Lougee and Karen Perkins. Absent were Chairperson Gary Murphy and Commissioners Tracy Callaghan, Mickey Gillette, and William Bauer. A quorum was not present.

4. Alterations to the Agenda – No action

5. Communications:

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

Vice-Chair Stewart reported that the statistical reports for the month ending May 31, 2026 were received from each department with the exception of the Montville Fire Company.

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

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2026. – No action

7. Remarks from the Public. (Agenda items only).

Vice-Chair Stewart asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Department Report

Lt. Radford read into the record the Animal Control and the Police Department reports for the month ending May 31, 2026. This data can be found under Agenda Item 9B and 9C, respectively. The Lieutenant read into the record a letter to Chief Blanchette from New London

Police Chief Wright regarding the assistance of Officer Morra regarding a shooting on April 11, 2026. Officer Morra was recognized for collaborative law enforcement and personal thanks was extended to him. It was also reported that the Animal Control Facility has been open and in operation for the past three (3) weeks. Officer Fazzino encountered a deer on Route 32 two (2) weeks ago whereby his air bags were deployed, however he did not get hurt. Additionally, a DUI spot check was held with one (1) DUI and other infractions such as suspensions and a few towed cars. Lt Radford also responded that the Department is at a full staff of 30 although two (2) will be leaving this summer and there will be no Department activity at Gardner Lake as DEEP will be patrolling it. The Animal Control facility will have four (4) part-time staff if all accept in addition to the part-time dispatchers.

Fire Marshal Report

Fire Marshal Meigel read into the record the Fire Marshal Office statistics for the month ending May 31, 2026 as follows:

Fire Marshal's Office Activities	May 2026
Inspections of Businesses and Apartments	269
Reinspection of Businesses and Apartments—R1 -- 71; R2 -- 9; R3 -- 2; R4 -- 0	82
TOTAL	351
Fire Investigations	2
Illegal Burn	1
Incident responses Q64 – 1 medical, 1 structure fire	3
Incident responses Q54 – 1 Hazmat; 2 structure fires	3
Community Events	1
Fireworks Permit	1
Emergency Management Obligations	20 hours
Burn Permits Issued	8

Fire Marshal also reported that the Millstone rehearsal fire drill was completed on May 20, 2026 with a strong turnout and great evaluation results from the FEMA evaluator. The evaluation drill is scheduled for June 23rd beginning at 8:00 a.m. Fireworks were cancelled for Friday due to high winds and high fire danger and rescheduled for National Night Out at Fair Oaks. Fire Marshal Meigel responded to the change requested for the patch reporting that one was requested to include emergency management. Per Commission discussion, that inclusion deemed the patch as being too busy and the suggestion was for it to include “Fire Marshal” only.

9 Committee and Liaison Reports:

a. Report from Fire Department Liaison. (Perkins)

Commissioner Perkins read into the record Montville Fire Activity statistics for the months ending April 30, 2026 and May 31, 2026.

Montville Fire Company (May 2026)—No Report

Incidents:	Total
Canceled Calls--	
EMS Calls --	
Fire Calls—	
Motor Vehicles Calls--	
Other Calls—	
Total Calls:	

Mohegan Fire Company (April 2026)

Incidents/Calls:	In District	CO1	CO3	CO4	Mutual Aid
EMS	74	37	1	4	1 (Ledyard)
Lift Assist	6	2	0	0	0
Fire Alarm	3	4	1	5	1 (Tribe)
MVA	5	2	0	0	0
Outside Fire	1	1	0	0	0
Utility Emergency	0	1	0	0	0
CO Emergency	1	0	0	0	0
Search/Rescue	0	1	0	0	0
Smoke Investigation	0	1	0	0	0
Vehicle Fire	0	0	0	1	0
Station Coverage	0	0	0	0	1 (Gales Ferry)
Total Calls: 154	90	49	2	10	3

No Volunteers on calls in districts:	69
Ambulance Transports with no paid staff:	4
Ambulance Transports by other Departments in District:	8
Ambulance Transports from other districts	32

Mohegan Fire Company (May 2026)

Incidents/Calls:	In District	CO1	CO3	CO4	Mutual Aid
EMS	89	49	1	4	1 Casino
Lift Assist	7	2	0	0	0
Fire Alarm	5	4	1	3	0
MVA	6	5	0	0	0
Structure Fire	0	2	0	1	1 Groton
Utility Emergency	4	1	0	0	0
CO Emergency	2	1	0	0	0
HAZMAT	2	1	0	0	0
Service Call	2	0	0	0	0
Station Fire	0	0	0	0	1 Gales Ferry
Total Calls: 195	117	65	2	8	3

No Volunteers on calls in districts: 92
Ambulance Transports with no paid staff: 2
Ambulance Transports by other Departments in District: 7
Ambulance Transports from other districts 41

Oakdale Fire Company (April 2026)

Incidents:	Total	Percent
Medical Calls:	34	57.6%
Public Service Calls:	11	18.6%
Fire Calls:	5	8.5%
No Emergency Calls:	5	8.5%
Hazard Situation Calls:	4	6.8%
Total Calls:	59	100%

Oakdale Fire Company (May 2026)

Incidents:	Total	Percent
Medical Calls:	50	64.9%
Public Service Calls:	12	15.6%
Fire Calls:	3	3.9%
No Emergency Calls:	7	9.16%

Hazard Situation Calls:	5	6.5%
Total Calls:	77	100%

Chesterfield Fire Company (May 2026)

Incidents:	Total	Percent
Fire Calls:	5	10.6%
No Emergency Calls:	14	29.8%
Public Service Calls:	3	6.4%
Hazardous Situation Calls:	4	8.5%
Medical Calls: (55.4%)	21	44.7%
Total Calls: (100%)	67	100.0%

b. Report from Animal Control Liaison. (Callaghan)

The May 2026 statistics for 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 8, as follows:

Town of Montville Animal Control Report (May 2026)

Activity	Month	YTD FY
# of Animals Impounded:	12	106
# of Animals Sold as Pets:	2	14
# of Animals D.O.A.:	0	5
# of Animals Euthanized:	0	4
Total Complaints Investigated	62	653
Total Animal Bites Investigated:	2	29
Total Enforcement Action:	0	8
Total Other Calls for Service:	54	563

Town of Colchester Animal Control Report (March 2026)

Activity	Month	YTD FY
# of Animals Impounded:	2	28
# of Animals Sold as Pets:	0	11
# of Animals D.O.A.:	0	3
# of Animals Euthanized:	0	1

Total Complaints Investigated:	17	135
Total Animal Bites Investigated:	2	13
Total Enforcement Action:	0	0
Total Other Calls for Service	0	0

Town of Salem Animal Control Report (May 2026)

Activity	Month	YTD FY
# of Animals Impounded:	0	5
# of Animals Sold as Pets:	0	0
# of Animals D.O.A.:	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized:	0	0
Total Complaints Investigated	2	52
Total Animal Bites Investigated:	0	4
Total Enforcement Action:	0	0
Total Other Calls for Service:	0	0

Town of Bozrah Animal Control Report (May 2026))

Activity	Month	YTD FY
# of Animals Impounded:	0	0
# of Animals Sold as Pets:	0	0
# of Animals D.O.A.:	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized:	0	0
Total Complaints Investigated	1	26
Total Animal Bites Investigated:	0	0
Total Enforcement Action:	0	0
Total Other Calls for Service:	0	0

Mohegan Tribe Animal Control Report (March 2026)

Activity	Month	YTD FY
# of Animals Impounded:	1	3
# of Animals Sold as Pets:	0	0
# of Animals D.O.A.:	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized:	0	0

Total Complaints Investigated	1	4
Total Animal Bites Investigated:	0	0
Total Enforcement Action:	0	0
Total Other Calls for Service:	0	0

c. Report from Police Department Liaison. (Gillette)

Lieutenant Radford read into the record the Police Department statistics for the month ending May 31, 2026, under Agenda Item 8 as follows:

Police Department Activity – May 2026	Total
Total Calls for Service	1025
Citations:	
Infractions	23
Juvenile Summons	02
Misdemeanors	05
Written Warnings	164
Total Citations	19a4

d. Report from Building Department Liaison. (Stewart)

The Building Department statistics for May 2026 were read into the record by Vice-Chair Stewart, as follows:

2025-2026 Building Department Report												
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Permits Issued	118	80	102	161	99	108	74	78	109	119	159	
Pending Permits	71	90	62	22	38	9	12	89	90	72	60	
Inspections	151	123	143	167	142	181	106	103	104	182	164	
Active Blight	298	302	305	308	303	306	311	316	318	325	319	
Blight Abated To Date	573	575	590	594	596	601	604	608	609	612	614	
Blight--Pending	11	9	6	3	2	6	4	6	3	6	8	
Blighted Property Liens												

10. Remarks from Fire Chiefs. -- None

11. 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 reported that the fire companies now have new software, per a telephone conversation with Commissioner Perkins. Commissioner Perkins will communicate with the fire companies for more details on the same.

- b. Update to the Fire Companies' radio system. – No report

12. New Business.

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion concerning the new Fire Marshal patch.

Vice-Chair Stewart reported noted that this item was discussed but no vote can be taken.

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

Vice Chair Stewart asked three (3) times. There were none.

14. Remarks from the Mayor. -- None

15. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Councilor Baker congratulated Officer Morra and noted that he was sorry to hear about the cruiser but was glad that he was okay. He thanked the work by the Public Safety personnel noting that the Fire and Police individuals are a team.

16. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Lougee gave a shout out to the Animal Control facility. He also expressed disappointment that there were no fire chiefs present for to respond to information regarding the reports. He also praised the Police Department and Fire Companies for working together. Vice-Chair Stewart also congratulated Officer Morra and echoed the comment that the Fire Chiefs were not present for their input. The Vice-Chair also noted that Commissioner Lougee is the representative of the Commission for the Plan of Conservation and Development Advisory Committee that will hold its first meeting in September.

17. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers

Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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OF MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**