

Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 23, 2010
5:30 p.m. – Town Hall – Room 102

1. Call to Order

Chairman McFee called the regular meeting of the Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Buebendorf and McFee. Absent was Councilor Beetham. Also present was Public Works Director, Don Bourdeau.

4. Alterations to the Agenda – none.

5. Approval of the October 27, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor McFee to approve the October 27, 2010 meeting minutes with the following addition;

Page 1, under Roll Call, Lynn McAlpine was in attendance at the meeting.

Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Remarks from the Public regarding items on the agenda – none.

7. Old Business

a. Update/Discussion regarding re-use/free items and tag sales.

Mr. Bourdeau stated there have been no issues reported and sales continue through the winter months.

b. Update/Discussion regarding results of the Town auction to dispose of surplus Town vehicles.

Mr. Bourdeau stated the auction did not take place as planned because the Town Council must approve the list of vehicles to be auctioned to the public prior to the auction. He asked Councilor McFee to forward the list of vehicles to the Town Council and to place this item on the next Town Council agenda for approval. A discussion took place regarding additional items scheduled for auction (snow plows, school desks, etc.) and Mr. Bourdeau suggested there be a starting bid for each item that will equal what the Town can get for the item at the metal scrap yard.

c. Update/Discussion regarding the Adopt a Road program.

Councilor McFee stated the New London Motorcycle Club has volunteered to participate in the program. Mr. Bourdeau stated his office staff has tried to make contact with various local businesses and organizations to participate in the program. To date, the New London Motorcycle Club and the Lions Club are the only organizations to respond. He discussed forms that are required from each organization for liability purposes and indicated each organization will be issued a package containing garbage bags for trash pick up.

d. Update/Discussion regarding road repairs and paving.

Councilor McFee commended Mr. Bourdeau and his staff for a great job paving Gallivan Lane. Mr. Bourdeau discussed progress to date with paving and indicated he has used all of the money he has budgeted for paving this year. A discussion was held regarding the FEMA reimbursement money for last year's floods. Mr. Bourdeau indicated the Town has not received the money but all of the paperwork has been filed with the appropriate offices and they are waiting.

e. Update/Discussion regarding Transfer Station operations.

Councilor McFee stated he did not contact the Stonington official to attend a meeting to discuss the "bag system" for trash collection. He stated he will invite him to a meeting after the holidays to discuss options for trash collection with the Committee. A discussion was held regarding the most effective form of trash collection and the best alternative to promote recycling in the Town of Montville. A discussion was held regarding a pay for what you generate system and how to reduce abuse of the current sticker system at the Transfer Station. Councilor Buebendorf is in favor of the "bag system", stating it promotes recycling and is a fair alternative to offer to residents because residents pay only for the trash they generate.

f. Update/Discussion regarding bridge repairs.

Mr. Bourdeau stated the Oxoboxo Bridge area has been paved, the guide rails and utility wires are scheduled for completion in the near future. He discussed a proposed opening ceremony at the bridge when it is completed. A discussion was held regarding repairs to the infrastructure in this area in the future to avoid drainage problems. He discussed the Montville Bridge repairs, stating the Town can not move forward until there is money available. Councilor McFee stated he would like to see this project move forward and will pursue it more aggressively.

g. Update/Discussion regarding sidewalks.

Mr. Bourdeau stated the sidewalks in front of the Palmertown Academy are almost completed.

- h. Update/Discussion regarding the proposed metal collection ordinance.

A discussion was held regarding wording for the ordinance. Councilor Buebendorf suggested the Sub-Committee write rules and wording for the ordinance and to place it on the agenda prior to February, 2011 to work out the details and get it approved prior to a proposed metal collection in the spring.

8. New Business

Mr. Bourdeau distributed orange stickers that are available to residents to stick on garbage cans and trash receptacles for recyclable materials. He explained the need for larger containers now that the town has switched over to the single stream recycling program. The stickers are free to residents. He stated the stickers are a minimal cost to the town and will encourage people to recycle.

Mr. Bourdeau discussed the Child Safety Zone signs installed at the schools and municipal areas. He stated the school officials were not informed they would be responsible for the purchase and installation of thirty six signs and posts. The cost of the signs and posts was approximately one thousand dollars.

9. Remarks from the Public – none.
10. Remarks from the Councilors – none.
11. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor McFee to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 2-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville