

Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, September 28, 2011
5:30 p.m. – Room 102 – Montville Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chairman McFee called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. after establishing a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf and McFee. Also present was Public Works Director, Don Bourdeau and Sandie Gregory, Volunteer Coordinator of the Re-use/free items tag sales.

4. Presentations – none.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor McFee, seconded by Councilor Beetham to add agenda item 9 (a) a discussion regarding campaigning policy at the Transfer Station. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Approval of the;

a. August 3, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor McFee, to approve the August 3, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted. Discussion, none, voice vote, 2-0-1 (Councilor Buebendorf abstained) Motion carried.

b. August 24, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor McFee, to approve the August 24, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted, discussion, none, voice vote, 2-0-1 (Councilor Beetham abstained) Motion carried.

7. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda

8. Old Business

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

Ms. Sandie Gregory discussed room sales, stating she has put a stop to people entering the re-sale room prior to the 9:00 a.m. start time for safety reasons and stated no customers are allowed in the room until the sale starts. She stated early birds are not allowed or encouraged at the sales. She stated the fiscal year sales were \$17,254.09 and she stated this number is way down from previous years. There are approximately twenty groups that utilize the room for sales.

- b. Update/discussion regarding the Adopt a Road program.

Mr. Don Bourdeau stated the Lions and Rotary Clubs have both been working on cleaning Gallivan Lane and because they are both cleaning the same road, the Rotary Club has offered to move to an alternate road. Mr. Bourdeau stated Public Works is willing to pick up the garbage/recycling collected by the groups and will take it to the Transfer Station at no costs.

- c. Update regarding road repairs and chip sealing/paving.

Mr. Don Bourdeau stated the chip sealing is completed and he is going to use the leftover stone for drainage. He only had one complaint regarding the chip sealing during the course of the work where a motorist got oil on his car and overall it was a successful endeavor. Councilor Buebendorf inquired regarding the paving budget and Mr. Bourdeau stated there is still money in the budget due to the cost savings of chip sealing vs. paving. He discussed striping the roads and suggested striping during the month of May in the future instead of striping in the fall because he does not feel the roads are as clear of debris in the fall as they are in the spring.

- d. Update/discussion regarding Transfer Station Operations.

Mr. Don Bourdeau discussed an ongoing problem with residents loading electronics into the box truck at the Transfer Station. Most recycled electronics are large and he discussed a proposal to construct a loading ramp at the Transfer Station that would allow the employees to drive the electronics onto the box truck with the equipment on site if the STEAP grant comes through. A discussion was held regarding untreated wood and how it is recycled at the Transfer Station. The plain, unpainted wood is treated like brush and will be taken at the Transfer Station at no cost or punch of the card.

- e. Update/discussion regarding bridge repairs.

Mr. Don Bourdeau will attend a meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Norwich Public Works Department to discuss the bridge repairs. He discussed grants and stated he has not received any of the grant money to date but he has submitted the grants to the State and is waiting on a response.

- f. Discussion regarding removal of materials at Camp Oakdale.

Mr. Don Bourdeau stated he is waiting for the attorneys to finalize the property swap with the WPCA before moving the material to the site. He discussed a proposal to store the material on an alternative area owned by a private citizen. Mr. Bourdeau stated he will not move the materials until the deal between the WPCA and the abutting homeowner has been finalized but once it is the material could potentially be moved to the alternate site in the late fall. He stated he could move the materials in a week if he has the personnel and the time to do so. The fire departments would like to use the area at Camp Oakdale for training purposes and are looking forward to Public Works moving the materials.

g. Discussion regarding tree survey cost estimate.

Don Bourdeau stated he is looking at the cost estimate and he has asked UCONN if he can utilize an intern to help with the project. He stated once the problem trees are identified the town must take action or it is a liability to the town. A discussion was held regarding what if any responsibility CL&P has to remove trees and the responsibility a homeowner has to remove or prune the secondary trees. Mr. Bourdeau stated Dunn's Tree Service did a great job cleaning up after the tropical storm and he is very thankful for their service. Councilor Beetham stated he does not feel Dunn's Tree Service has done a service for the town and would not do business with them. He requested Mr. Bourdeau give him a dollar amount charged by the tree service during the storm to date and Mr. Bourdeau stated he will check with the Finance Department to get the exact numbers. Mr. Bourdeau is planning to attend a conference regarding the bidding process for tree surveys and he hopes to come out of it with a better understanding of how to better bid for the tree survey.

9. New Business

a. Discussion regarding campaigning policy at the Transfer Station.

Councilor McFee stated he does not feel comfortable with groups of people campaigning at the Transfer Station in the front because it will back up the traffic. Mr. Bourdeau stated he is in favor of groups campaigning at the exit to the facility and would suggest setting up a schedule for campaigning so that there are not too many people at the facility at one time. He stated a town owned facility should be used responsibly and suggestions were made regarding alternate options for campaigning. Councilor Buebendorf stated both political parties should be allowed to campaign at the same time at the Transfer Station at any given time as long as they are respectful of one another and courteous of the public trying to get in and out of the facility. Councilor McFee stated the parties should cooperate with one another in the best interest of everyone involved and should be fair in setting up a schedule that everyone can agree to. Councilor Beetham discussed campaigning procedures over the years. Councilor Buebendorf will present the schedule proposal to the Democratic Town Committee to try to come to an agreement regarding a schedule at the Transfer Station. Mr. Bourdeau stated there should be a maximum of four candidates at the Transfer Station at any given time to reduce chaos and unless it turns

into a safety issue he can not say there will be no campaigning on the site and the Town Attorney has stated the site can be used for campaigning. Discussions were held back and forth regarding how to allocate campaigning time at the Transfer Station until the discussions became heated and were shut down.

10. Remarks from the Public

Ms. Gregory inquired if Public Works will pick up the brush along the roads from the tropical storm. Mr. Bourdeau stated they continue to pick up brush and chip it in the evening hours and on weekends. She discussed difficulty seeing a stop sign on Jerome Road due to an overgrown tree.

11. Remarks from the Councilors – none.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor McFee, seconded by Councilor Beetham to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville