

Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Regular Meeting Agenda of Tuesday, November 22, 2011
5:30 p.m. – Room 102 – Montville Town Hall

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present was Councilor Caron, Longton and McFee. Also present was Public Works Director, Don Bourdeau, Volunteer Coordinator, Sandie Gregory and Flo Turner.

4. Presentations – none.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Longton to add agenda item 8(b), To consider and act on a motion to add a discussion regarding the 2012 meeting dates followed by a vote for approval of the dates. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McFee, seconded by Councilor Longton to add agenda item 9 (h), a discussion regarding the Pay as you Throw Program. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Approval of the September 28, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

A discussion was held regarding whether or not the new Sub-Committee is capable of approving the meeting minutes of September 28, 2011 because only one of the current members was present at this meeting. It was the consensus of the Committee members to check with the Town Clerk to determine if the meeting minutes can be approved at the upcoming Town Council meeting where there could be a unanimous vote.

7. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda – none.

8. New Business

a. Election of Officers

Councilor Caron nominated Councilor Longton as Chairman of the Committee and Councilor Longton accepted the nomination. There being no additional nominations they were closed. Voice vote to appoint Councilor Longton as the Chairman of the Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Councilor Longton nominated Councilor Caron as Vice Chairman of the Committee and Councilor Caron accepted the nomination. There being no additional nominations they were closed. Voice vote to appoint Councilor Caron as the Vice Chairman of the Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

b. To consider and act on a motion to discuss the 2012 Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee meeting dates followed by a vote for approval of the dates.

The Committee members discussed the 2012 proposed meeting schedule and it was determined there are no conflicts for any of the members if the meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Room 102.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Longton to approve the following 2012 meeting dates for the Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee to be held in Room 102 at 5:30 p.m.; January 25rd, February 22nd, March 28rd, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th and November 28th with no December meeting. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Old Business

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

Ms. Gregory read into the record the 2010-2011 Annual Report for the new Committee members.

b. Discussion regarding the Adopt a Road program.

Mr. Bourdeau stated there are several organizations that are currently volunteering to clean up various roads throughout the town and stated he would appreciate any additional help. A discussion was held regarding the need to clean up the roadways, especially the back roads where there tends to be more trash thrown. Mr. Bourdeau discussed the groups currently participating in the program and stated they do a good job of keeping up with the clean-up efforts but it is an ongoing project.

c. Discussion regarding road repairs and chip sealing/paving.

Mr. Bourdeau stated the Powerhouse Road paving project is complete. He discussed the roads that have been paved or chip sealed to date and discussed upcoming projects. To date the town has saved a significant amount of money by using chip sealing vs. paving

roads and Mr. Bourdeau stated it is a good alternative for use on some of the roads in town but chip sealing cannot be used on all of them, particularly in developments. He discussed future projects and the timelines for their completion. He discussed the carbide blades used on the plow trucks for the chip sealed roads, stating they last longer than the regular blades.

d. Discussion regarding Transfer Station Operations.

Mr. Bourdeau discussed “recycling day” at the transfer station, stating this is a promotion following National Recycling Month and stated the town saves money if the residents’ make an effort to recycle. He discussed the STEAP grant application and stated he will start working on a schedule for use of the grant money if and when it is received. He discussed the proposal for a new entrance and exit to the Transfer Station if money is granted to do so.

e. Discussion regarding bridge repairs.

Mr. Bourdeau stated the town is currently waiting on the funding for the repairs to the Montville Road Bridge. A discussion was held regarding the Local Bridge Program and if money is available in this fund to repair the bridge. The Montville Road Bridge repairs are currently on hold until the money is available but there is a plan in place if and when there is funding to do so. A discussion was held regarding the bridge repairs on 163 and the dangerous driving conditions in the construction zone.

f. Discussion regarding removal of materials at Camp Oakdale.

Mr. Bourdeau stated as soon as the WPCA and the Lakowski’s finalize the land swap he can move the materials from Camp Oakdale to the site and will store the materials there until either the materials are utilized or the WPCA needs to use the site. He stated it is a commercial site and will be perfect for storage of the materials. He commended the WPCA for working with Public Works on recent projects, stating in the past this was not a practice they used.

g. Discussion regarding tree survey cost estimate.

Mr. Bourdeau stated CL&P has offered one week of free tree trimming to municipalities in Connecticut. Mr. Bourdeau discussed the best location to have the trimming done to best benefit the town and stated he will take advantage of the program.

h. Discussion regarding the “Pay as You Throw Program”.

Councilor McFee stated this item was on the agenda in the past and stated he wants to revive the discussion and to concentrate the program on the three thousand people in the town that currently pay for trash removal. He discussed the costs to have trash pickup and the cost of the pay as you throw alternative. He stated it will cut costs for more than half

of the residents of Montville and his new proposal does not require anyone who wants to continue to use the landfill to sign on to the proposal. He stated in October, 2012 the contract with Willimantic Waste will expire and he would like to go out to bid for a company who will work with the town to pick up the bags used in the "Pay as you Throw Program" in exchange for keeping curbside recycling. He stated the program could pay for itself and generate money for the town over time as well as promote townwide recycling. Mr. Bourdeau is in favor of a town wide bag program vs. a voluntary bag program and explained the program will promote the recycling program but will make it difficult for a vendor to bid the job as he will not have an accurate count or location of the residents that would like to participate. Councilor Longton asked Councilor McFee to put together a plan that explains the pros and cons of his proposal with a cost analysis for review at the next meeting because he was not present for the past presentations or conversations and he would like to have a better understanding prior to making a decision regarding the proposal.

10. Remarks from the Public

Ms. Flo Turner is in favor of a town wide composting program as she explained that thirty five percent of all garbage that comes into the landfill is food products that can be easily composted. She discussed the Adopt a Road program stating the town needs to better get the information out to organizations that may want to volunteer their time. A suggestion was made regarding advertising on the Montville Patch and handing out flyers at the Saturday tag sales to get the word out.

Chairman Longton asked three times if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Sub-Committee.

11. Remarks from the Councilors

Chairman Longton stated he is looking forward to serving this Committee over the next two years.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor McFee to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 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.