

Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 27, 2013
5:30 p.m. – Room 102 – Montville Town Hall

1. Call to Order: at 5:37 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Present were Councilors McFee and Longton. Councilor Caron was absent. Also present was Flo and Don
4. Presentations: none
5. Alterations to the Agenda: none
6. Approval of the February 27, 2013 meeting minutes.
Motion by Councilor McFee
Second by Councilor Longton
Vote was 2-0 to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.
7. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda: none
8. Old Business
 - a. Discussion regarding re-use/free items and tag sales (Sandie Gregory).
No report
 - b. Discussion regarding road repairs and snow removal efforts.
On the schedule for 2013 are Massapague, Kitemaug, Grassy Hill, Lathrop, Pink Row and Depot Rd
 - c. Discussion regarding Transfer Station Operations/STEAP Grant to redesign.
No report
 - d. Discussion regarding Montville Road bridge repairs.
Don met with the DEEP and DOT. Expect construction to begin Sept/Oct and be completed before winter.
 - e. Action to formally end the Town-Wide Trash Pickup effort.
Motion by Councilor Longton to formally end the Curb-side pickup effort
Second by Councilor McFee
Discussion: The problem of misuse of the transfer station continues. It is what began the curbside effort in the first place. The committee will continue to examine possibilities to make the use of the transfer station more equitable and eliminate the misuse of the facility. Councilor McFee talked about a Punch Card system.
Vote on the motion was 2-0 in favor. Curbside Trash Pickup efforts are ended.

9. New Business

a. Discussion regarding Maynard Road: In 1997 Maynard Road was abandoned in its entirety, leaving eight (8) families without road-related services, such as plowing in the winter, and CL&P being able to restore power when not plowed. Additionally there are documented cases over the years when emergency services, such as EMT's and Fire Trucks could not find the road at all. One resident almost died for lack of timely medical service and one resident's vehicle completely burned up while the fire trucks were looking for the road. Investigations have shown that the abandonment effort was only supposed to involve a little over 200 feet of the southerly portion of the road. The majority of the road was never intended to be abandoned but due to an error in creating the agenda for the town meeting that addressed the abandonment, the entire road was abandoned by mistake. The plight of the residents of Maynard Road have fallen on deaf ears in the town government, but the Town still insists that the residents pay their taxes, which are supposed to cover things such as road maintenance. Councilor Longton has begun an effort to restore the northern portion of Maynard Road, which was never intended to be abandoned, back to Town control. To that end Mr. Don Bourdeau, as head of the Public Works dept., will examine the road with an eye to estimating what it will cost the town to undo this ghastly mistake and restore the services the residents of Maynard Road have been cheated out of all these years. He will report back to the Committee at the April meeting. The next step will be to obtain a Planning and Zoning report as required by state statute, and then to bring the matter before the Town Council as provided for in the Town Charter.

10. Remarks from the Public: Flo reminded us that whatever is done to address the misuse of the transfer station, it cannot do away with the recycling. She said that she likes the punch card approach.

11. Remarks from the Councilors: Council McFee related the history of how the Curbside Pickup began, as an effort to address the misuse of the transfer station as well as a way to reduce costs for the town's residents.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Councilor McFee

Second by Councilor Longton

Vote was 2-0

Motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.