

Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

5:30 p.m. – Room 102 – Montville Town Hall

1. Call to Order
Councilor Longton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Longton, and Pollard. Absent was Councilor Caron. Also present was Public Works Director Don Bourdeau.
4. Presentations — *none*
5. Alterations to the Agenda — *none*
6. Approval of:
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes on Wednesday, October 29, 2014
Motion made by Councilor Pollard, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion passed.
7. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda — *none*
8. Old Business
Councilor Longton commended and expressed his appreciation to Director Bourdeau and the Public Works Department for the plowing of, especially, the main roads.
 - a. Road repair schedule update
Once the season is over, he will be able to provide an update as to what roads will need to be repaired. The area by Oxoboxo Lake, which is in very poor shape, will need to be repaired for certain.
 - b. Maynard Road update
Maynard Road is currently on hold pending budget approval and, upon approval, the project will be sent out to bid. The survey has been completed. The primary concern is to enable the road to have fire truck access. A formal agreement will also be required between the Town and the landowners.

It is presumed that the residents are satisfied with the plowing of the road during the recent snowstorm as they have not received any complaints.
 - c. Transfer Station Survey update — *tabled*

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- d. Proposed changes to the current Transfer Station regulations (Don Bourdeau)
He is awaiting a report of the income received from the Transfer Station's recycling program from the Finance Department. The Transfer Station has been receiving community service help over the weekends. He also reported that Willimantic Waste, who recently took over Sterling, has been distributing 90- and 100-gallon containers to their new customers. As the result, they been receiving complaints regarding the difficulty their customers are encountering in the handling of these larger containers.
- e. Comparables of current fees and regulations of other towns (Don Bourdeau)
Comparable research has been conducted, but, because of the number of variations of each town's offerings, it is difficult to compare similar fees and regulations. That being said, Montville does appear to be either below or within the ballpark of other towns. Director Bourdeau recommended considering maintaining the current fees until changes are deemed necessary.
- f. Review of the infrastructures of Town-owned properties (Don Bourdeau)
The first building they are reviewing is the old Social Services building, which they are hoping to make into the Re-Use Room. An informal report from the Building Department was distributed. They are currently waiting for a firm price for the asbestos removal and, once the asbestos is removed, they will be able to better determine the other costs. They are also looking into replacing the old oil furnace and installing electric heating, which may prove to be more economical and efficient for the minimal amount of use the building will be receiving. They plan to create one large space allowing for the receipt of large items. Should the old Social Services building not be usable as the Re-Use Room, the old Town Hall should be reviewed so as to keep the Re-Use Room within the vicinity of the Social Services Department.
- g. Old V&A/Social Services Building update — *as above*
- h. Discussion of the Re-Use Room
The Re-Use Room is continuing, taking place on both Saturdays and Sundays.
- i. Discussion of the Tennis Courts at Camp Oakdale
Some funds were held back from the re-surfacing of the tennis courts due to some issues encountered. Funding for the re-surfacing of the basketball courts, which were crack-sealed, are included in the upcoming budget.
- j. Status of Montville Road Bridge
The culverts for the Montville Road Bridge are nearly, if not already, completed. They are currently waiting to hear back from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding one issue and will be able to continue once that is finalized.

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- k. Discussion of repairs to the Senior Center
The repairs to the Senior Center will be going out to bid and should be received by their next meeting.
 - l. Discussion of sound system in Town Council Chambers
A vendor, who met with the maintenance staff and inspected and reviewed the sound system, reported that it was a good sound system and that the controls may merely need to be adjusted. He also suggested the possibility of adding additional cone-shaped speakers that drop down from the ceiling to help amplify the sound.
 - m. Bridge Repair on Route 163 by the Post Office
The bridge, itself, is completed and the landscaping and clean up of the area remains.
 - n. Stop sign on Chapel Hill Road — *tabled*
 - o. Staffing for Public Works/Solid Waste Department
In response to Councilor Longton, who stated that several of the Councilors felt that the Department could use some additional staffing, Director Bourdeau stated that he is requesting funding for two (2) full-time maintainers and one (1) full-time custodian in his next budget. The maintainers can also do custodial work. Due to Union issues, he is unable to utilize independent contractors.
9. Remarks from the Public — *none*
10. Remarks from the Councilors
Councilor Longton reiterated his appreciation of Director Bourdeau and the Public Works Department for the plowing of the roads.
11. Adjournment
Motion made by Councilor Pollard, seconded by Councilor Longton, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville