

Town of Montville
Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2018
5:30 p.m. – Montville Town Hall – Room 102

1. Call to Order

Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call (Councilors McNally, Pollard, and Caron)

Present were Councilors McNally and Pollard. Absent was Councilor Caron. Also present were Councilors Pike, Rogers, and Rogulski. Public Works Director Donald Bourdeau, Jr.

4. Presentations

a. DEEP Demo on Pay for Bag system

WasteZero Vice President of Municipal Partnerships and DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protections) Consultant Kristen Brown provided a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)/SMART (Save Money and Reduce Trash) Program. Through their studies, it has been determined that those communities that have instituted the program dispose of approximately half of the garbage as compared to those who have not, reducing costs and minimizing pollution. With fewer landfills and the growing cost and resulting pollution of incinerators, the capacity and ability to dispose of garbage has been decreasing in the Northeast. In the United States, there are approximately 2,000 communities, 550 of which are located in New England, that have instituted the Program. In Connecticut alone, 7 communities have instituted the SMART Program at their transfer stations while 2 offer curbside SMART. According to SCRRRA (Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority), on average, the Town of Montville disposes approximately 700 lbs. of trash per capita each year (overall average in CT is 796 lbs./capita). The average SMART community in Massachusetts, throws away 425 lbs./capita and the town of Stonington throws away 389 lbs./capita. Currently the Town's annual sticker revenue of \$55.00 (\$45.00 for senior citizens) does not cover the transfer station's operating budget, which includes curbside recycling pick-up. While the Program is controversial, those who have instituted the program have witnessed an immediate reduction in the amount of trash that is produced. As suggested at the Committee's previous meeting by former Town Councilor Dana McFee, the current fee could be maintained and the residents would receive 50 13-gallon free bags for the first year of the program. It is estimated that most families utilize one or less bags/week and the revenue received from the sale of the bags would cover the cost of the bags, its distribution and disposal. In addition, because each household would produce less trash, the transfer station and disposal costs would also be reduced. Two sizes of bags would be offered: a 30-gallon bag at a cost of \$2.00/bag (0.32 cents for bag and bag distribution costs and \$1.69 for trash disposal costs) and a 15-gallon

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bag at a cost of \$1.25/bag (.21 cents for bag and distribution costs and \$1.04 for trash disposal costs). Based on the current program, the Town's net revenue (based on the current revenue and trash being produced) is \$110,000.00. Should the Town institute the SMART Program, with the standard fee and 50 free (13 gallon) bags to each household, the estimated revenue would be approximately \$186,660.00.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost and cost savings should the Town institute the SMART Program. The Program would allow for a more fair system and the prices of the bag can be flexible.

Councilor Rogulski departed from the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

The Program would encourage residents to think more carefully about what they throw away and promote the recycling, donating, and composting of various materials resulting in, not only a cost savings, but also a reduction in their carbon footprint and pollution, creating a healthier environment

Per policy, businesses are currently not allowed to utilize the Transfer Station and would not be affected by the Program. A punch card for bulky waste disposal will still be available.

WasteZero Vice President and DEEP Consultant Brown suggested holding two public forums, one in the day and another in the evening. She will also provide Chairman McNally with the link to the DEEP Grant application page.

She was thanked for attending the meeting and presentation.

5. Alterations to the Agenda – *none*

6. Approval of:

a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2018

Motion made by Councilor Pollard, seconded by Councilor McNally. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

8. Old Business

a. Road repair schedule update

The Road Repair schedule is pending, depending upon the 2018/19 fiscal year budget.

b. Review of the infrastructures of Town-owned properties – *no report*

c. Transfer Station update

1) Revisions to Transfer Station Policy

2) Fee schedule update

3) Permit Policy

The remodeling of the Transfer Station has begun and the patience of those who utilize the Transfer Station is requested.

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- e. Public Works Facility update
They are continuing to wait for approval by the State.
 - f. Partnership with *Habitat for Humanity*
Correspondence was received from *Habitat for Humanity* thanking them for their proposal and expressing their regrets that they would not be able to go forward with the partnership at this time, but will consider the item in the future.
 - g. Status of the cash bond for roadwork
They are currently in the process of meeting with contractors, including SCRRRA and the electric and water companies, regarding the issue. SCRRRA patched those areas in which they conducted work in Montville Manor. It was noted that instituting a requirement for cash bonds would result in the need for additional inspections and, as such, additional manpower. Public Works Director Bourdeau will investigate the matter further.
 - h. Status of Silver Falls Bridge
The area has been cleaned up and the installation of a pedestrian bridge is being investigated. The majority of the residents located in the area would prefer that the bridge remain closed to vehicular traffic, which would require the installation of a hammerhead turn-around or cul-de-sac to accommodate large vehicles. The town of East Lyme has expressed their unwillingness to help fund the bridge, which is located in Montville.
9. New Business
- a. Care and maintenance of service memorial area by old Town Hall
The plantings will be trimmed. Public Works Director Bourdeau requested that he be informed of the history of any of the plantings they might be aware of as some may have been planted in memory of individuals. The repairing of the sidewalks will also be investigated.

The Christmas Tree is under the purview of the Parks & Recreation Commission.
10. Remarks from the Public – *none*
11. Remarks from the Councilors – *none*
12. Adjournment
Motion made by Councilor Pollard, seconded by Councilor McNally, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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