

Town of Montville
Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
5:30 p.m. – Montville Town Hall – Room 102

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Present were Councilors Leonard Bunnell and Billy Caron. Absent was Councilor Kathy Pollard, who was unable to attend due to a conflicting engagement. Also present was Public Works Director Donald Bourdeau, Jr.

4. Alterations to the Agenda

The following item was added to the Agenda:

5(b) (Approval of) The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2019

5. Approval of:

a. The Special Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2019

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor.

b. The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2019

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor.

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

7. Old Business

a. Transfer Station update – Fence for neighbor, gates, and sticker sales

Public Works Director Bourdeau reported that the neighbor is no longer interested in having a fence separating their property and the Transfer Station as long as no garbage travels on to their property. The gates have been completed. The stickers have been tested with the scanner and software and are ready to be sold. There will be two (2) scanners and all of the employees have been trained on its usage. A manual probe will be used to input the number of bags each vehicle brings in. Future discussions regarding the pro-rating of stickers may take place.

The item will be removed from future agendas.

b. Public Works Facility update

The fuel tanks have been installed. With the exception of the additional bollards and some environmental matters, the project is complete.

c. Status of Silver Falls Bridge

The Bridge project has been completed; it is now a pedestrian bridge and closed to traffic.

The item will be removed from future agendas.

d. ADA Doors at Town Hall – complete; the item will be removed from future agendas

e. Resale Room – Shed

The shed may move to the Transfer Station, as originally planned, but, for the time being, will remain at the Resale Room.

The item will be removed from future Agendas.

f. Raymond Hill Church

Discussion ensued regarding the condition of the old historic church and its ongoing issues. The church has no heat or bathrooms, is infested with mold, and the bell tower has been invaded by bats. Both Library Liaison Councilor Joseph Rogulski and Jon Chase of the Historical Society will be contacted to discuss whether the Library or Historical Society would be interested in adopting the building. The possibility of turning on the power and installing a cross-ventilation system to control the mold was discussed.

g. Animal Removal Policy

The issue regarding the need for an Animal Removal Policy arose as the result of a rabid raccoon that was taken care of by the Public Works Department and which no other department would pick up. Councilor Bunnell recommended that a Policy be drafted for review by both the Public Works/Solid Waste and Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committees.

h. House on Bridge Street

The property is slated for sale, pending the results of the water tests.

The item will be removed from future Agendas.

8. New Business

a. Discussion of roads to be re-paved

The list of approved roads that the Public Works Department will be working on utilizing the Bond money and the list of roads that will be re-paved utilizing TAR (Town Aid Roads) Funds will be sent to the Councilors for review. The former list has been approved and may not be amended, while the latter list is in progress.

b. Discussion of clean-up of garbage on roads

Councilor Caron has received numerous complaints regarding the litter on the roads and wished to devise a strategy to clean up the roads in the Spring. Councilor Bunnell proposed the following options:

- 1) Promote the Town's Adopt-a-Road Program

- 2) Request that the Mayor speak with the Prison Warden and obtain a standing condition with the Department of Corrections in which the prisoners could be scheduled to pick up the trash when available
- 3) Include funding to hire additional part-time workers to pick up the trash on the Town roads during the summer months
- 4) Request that the Connecticut Department of Transportation pick up the trash on the State roads during the summer months

7. Remarks from the Public

Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, commended the Transfer Station employees for their hard work and efforts. He wished to ensure that the employees continue to scrutinize the number of bags being brought in as they engage in the new scanning system and that those who are bringing in over eight (8) bags are properly charged. The issue with the Raymond Hill Church reminds him of the old Town Hall in which the last Town Council spent \$70,000.00 on a heating system for naught. He agrees with Councilor Bunnell regarding the handling of the litter on the roads. He also expressed his appreciation to Public Works Director Bourdeau for cleaning up the road in the vicinity of Gay Hill Road.

Florence Turner, 204 Route 163, questioned the method that would be used to record the number of bags that are brought in and the process for those who visit the Transfer Station to visit the Free Area throughout the day. In response, Public Works Director Bourdeau stated that an iPad or similar would be provided to manually record the number of bags and those who visit the Transfer Station to visit the Free Area would not need to be scanned.

8. Remarks from the Councilors

Councilor Bunnell spoke on the improvements of the overall condition of the Transfer Station as well as the outstanding cooperation and help of the employees.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Caron, to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki

Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville