

**Town of Montville Solid Waste Sub-Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2009  
Town Hall – 5:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order – Chairman Radgowski called the Special Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Present were Councilors Buebendorf and Radgowski. Absent was Councilor Murphy. Also present were Don Bourdeau, Public Works Director and Sandi Gregory, Volunteer Re-use/Recycle Room.
4. Approval of the Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Radgowski to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 2-0, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda – none.
6. New Business
  - a. Transfer Station Improvements

Don Bourdeau discussed the proposed single stream recycling method for the Town of Montville. He distributed a flyer that depicts a single stream recycling guide. The guide explains the items that can and can not be recycled using this method of recycling. He indicated it is an easier way for residents to recycle because they do not have to separate materials as they have in the past and this way of recycling will take more items than the previous recycling method. Everything goes in one recycling bin and it does not have to be separated. This will save the Town money and more people may recycle with this new method. Residents can use the recycling bins they already have. Mr. Bourdeau discussed the costs to replace or add a recycling bin. He hopes to start the single stream recycling method somewhere around mid August to September 1<sup>st</sup>. He discussed the importance of educating the public. He hopes to arrange for high school students to make a video to broadcast on Channel 20, to advertise in the Montville Times, send out a mailing to all residents and to educate in the schools and senior center. He discussed a meeting with Willimantic Waste to take place on Wednesday. He stated that the single stream recycling method is easier to use than the current method and it will free up time for the employees to work on other projects.

Don Bourdeau indicated the proposed form of single stream recycling does not include disposal of plastic bags, shredded materials, Styrofoam and paper to go boxes and cup or plastic cups but this program does take in empty aerosol cans without caps.

D. Bourdeau indicated the proposal to switch over to single stream recycling has not been approved yet, but he hopes to work out the details and choose the best alternative for the Town in the near future.

Don Bourdeau discussed the purchase of a Bobcat machine to help with the heavy lifting at the Transfer Station. He explained there was a back injury reported recently from lifting large electronic equipment.

A discussion was held regarding the purchase of Jersey Barriers at the Transfer Station for a loading dock.

b. Recycling RFP

Don Bourdeau stated the RFP went out and there were three proposals submitted for review. They were all higher than the price the Town currently pays for recycling. The proposals are being reviewed and once it is determined which contractor the Town will choose they can sit down and negotiate a contract. He hopes to have a contractor in place in the next four to six weeks.

7. Remarks from the Public

John Geary, Depot Road, inquired regarding bulky disposal and fees. Councilor Buebendorf indicated all information regarding recycling, disposal and fees can be found on the Town website.

Don Bourdeau discussed the pros and cons of bulky waste curbside pickup. He indicated it is hard to manage and there is abuse of the system. Some towns have bulky waste pickup by appointment only. He indicated there are some cases where the homeowners put the bulky waste out weeks and even months in advance, causing a messy eyesore to neighbors. A discussion was held regarding people dumping on dead end streets and in wooded areas.

8. Remarks from the Members – none.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Radgowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 2-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville