

**Town of Montville Parks & Recreation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2021 -- 6:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers - Town Hall**

All persons in attendance must wear a face mask if not fully vaccinated and remain six feet from others.

Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comment by the Chair of the meeting. The Montville Town Council Rules of Procedure, decorum, timeliness and suitability shall be followed and enforced.

1. Call to order

Chairperson Southard called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

3. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Matt Beaupre, Jon Chase (6:36 p.m.), Kevin Clang, Deborah Schober, Rocky Stone, and Kate Southard. Absent were Commissioners Noah Carver, Denise Gladue, and Morgan Matthewson.

4. Remarks from the Public regarding items on the Agenda (3-minute limit).

Chairperson Southard asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

5. To consider and act upon a motion authorizing the Commission, acting on its own or through request to the Department of Public Works, to engage the services of a qualified engineering firm and/or landscape architect/landscape designer to develop a plan of phased improvements to that portion of Camp Oakdale known as 75 Oxoboxo Dam Road and adjacent areas.

Chairperson Southard and Commissioner Stone were invited to a Public Works meeting about two (2) weeks ago and spoke with Director Bourdeau about the Camp Oakdale large pavilion, the land around it, the area across the street from it, and the Scholfield area. Public Works Director Bourdeau wanted to know the Commission plans for these areas. Town Counselor Caron who chaired the meeting proposed the Parks & Recreation Commission speak with a landscape architect/designer about the development ideas and plans discussed at its last meeting. Commissioner Stone spoke of committing the rough ideas to plans with the Town Engineer in order to fund the work that needs to be done. Commissioner Chase spoke of the existing conditions of aforementioned Parks & Recreation areas that need to work well with new ideas stating a plan makes sense. Commissioner Beaupre asked whether cleanup of the parking lot was discussed as it should not be delayed. It was discussed at the meeting by Chairperson Southard and Commissioner Stone. Commissioner Chase reported materials were removed from the area and the remaining cleanup materials belongs to the Town. Commissioner Stone said

consideration needs to be given to the Fire Department currently using the space and said it may take longer to clean up and to develop a plan to transition them from it. He also suggested reaching out to the Fire Chiefs and the Town Council Liaison regarding the plan for the area. He added that Recreation Director Bushway was working on pricing for the tennis courts and pickleball areas to report back on the same.

Motion by Commissioner Stone; seconded by Commissioner Chase authorizing the Commission, acting on its own or through request to the Department of Public Works, to engage the services of a qualified engineering firm and/or landscape architect/landscape designer to develop a plan of phased improvements to that portion of Camp Oakdale known as 75 Oxoboxo Dam Road and adjacent areas. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote: *In favor*, Commissioners Beaupre, Chase, Clang, Schober, Southard, and Stone. *Opposed*, none. 6-0 vote. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Stone; seconded by Commissioner Beaupre to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote: 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers

Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**