

Town of Montville
Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall, Room 102

Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022 throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools.

Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Health strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.

1. Call to Order
Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, Mandler, and McNally)
Present were Councilors Caron, Mandler, and McNally. Also present was Public Works Director John Carlson.
4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2022
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda
Planning & Zoning Commission Vice-Chairman Wills Pike reported that the Commission voted to send a Favorable Report to the Town Council for the Animal Control Facility at 225 Maple Avenue, Uncasville, per Connecticut General Statutes §8-24.
6. Old Business
 - a. Raymond Hill Church
Public Works Director Carlson will investigate the location of the humidifier that is missing and the broken windows. Bids for the painting of the interior and exterior of the building and bell tower will be sought. An exterminator will be contacted regarding the bats that continue to reside in the attic. A maintenance schedule will be created to ensure that the building is periodically checked.

A brief recess was taken. The meeting resumed at 5:32 p.m.
 - b. Boat Launch and Boat Parking Lot – *no update*
 - c. Clean-up of Brush and Millings
Public Works Director Carlson reported that Bill Pieniadz is planning to bring in a large excavator to clear the millings. He also expressed his hopes to save some of the millings to use for the PTA Lane expansion.

d. Road Improvement Program

1) Schedule of Roads for Drainage & Paving / Status of Road Improvement Bond

Work on Chesterfield work has begun and the embankments are being cut back and bridge work has begun on Bucks and should be completed in two weeks.

The following estimates to mill and pave the roads were received from Pasteryak Paving:

Chesterfield Road from Route 85 to Old Colchester Road (3.8 miles)	\$ 852,450.00
Chapel Hill Road (2 miles)	\$ 431,060.00
Old Colchester Road from Fellows to Chesterfield Roads	\$ 73,178.50
Old Colchester Road from Chesterfield to Cranberry Roads	\$ 190,650.00
Grassy Hill Road	\$ 115,285.00

Additional roads include:

Depot Road
Pink Row to the Cemetery
Peter Avenue
Gair Court
Edwards Road
Golden Road
Bonville Drive and Virginia Court (numerous potholes)
Milefski Drive (also requires work on catch basins)
Liberty Road and Legion Court
Carol Drive

He is in the process of reviewing the CT DAS (Connecticut Department of Administrative Services) bids; other estimates will be sought.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Park Avenue, which was found to have unstable soil.

e. Social Service (old Town Hall) Building Repair Schedule

They are awaiting the results of the lead test. Lead was also discovered in the windows, which will need to be abated. The asbestos abatement is expected to be very costly.

f. Youth Services (Montville Community Center) Bathrooms

Chairman McNally reported that the roads are in the process of being transferred to the Mohegan Tribe. Should the public vote against discontinuing the roads, part of the funding for the project will be lost.

g. Update on Building Repairs

Public Works Director Carlson will investigate the warranty on the Town Hall Roof and the status of the Senior Center Roof, which is expected to come in over budget.

h. Allocation of COVID-19 Funds

Town Hall LED Signage – The trench has been dug and the conduit has been installed in preparation for the signage.

Camp Oakdale Pavilion – Estimates will be sought for the paving of the parking lot and ways to mitigate the potential flooding of one of the areas will be investigated. The property across the street will be re-seeded in the fall. The original seeding was damaged as a result of public activity. Discussion ensued regarding making the property and its bathrooms ADA-accessible and installing crosswalks. Councilor May is working with the Town Engineer regarding the Pavilion, which needs painting, sealing, roofing, and repairing/replacing the columns.

Fair Oaks Field Improvements – The crushing of the original, dug well and removal of the nearby tree, for safety reasons, was previously discussed and will be investigated; the building is currently supplied with water through SCWA (Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority).

Mostoway Property – Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson Kate Southard reported that Parks & Recreation Director Peter Bushway has reached out to the archaeological company.

Handicapped Playgrounds – Three (3) plans, under \$150,000.00, were presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission for review during their last meeting.

Tennis Courts – A brief discussion was held regarding the Camp Oakdale Tennis Courts. Public Works Director Carlson reported that a meeting was held to discuss the tennis courts. The name of the company the School is using for their tennis/pickleball courts will be provided to the Public Works Director.

Tennis Court Bathrooms – The well water will be tested to ensure that it is potable. Public Works Director Carlson reported that the roof, water tank, and fixtures will need to be replaced.

i. Animal Control Facility Update

Chairman McNally reported that the architect was selected and the plans are in the process of being created. As earlier reported, the Planning & Zoning Commission issued a Favorable Review, per C.G.S. §8-24. Public Works Director Carlson reported that a meeting was held with the Engineer regarding the Facility. It was determined that an upgrade to the grinder pump should not be necessary.

j. Laurel Point Drive Drainage Issue – *no update*

k. Moxley Road Bridge – *project is in progress*

l. Cleanup of Schofield Pond

The millings and existing gate will be removed. Price estimates will be sought for a new fence/gate at the pond. A meeting with the Fire Department(s) and Parks & Recreation will be arranged to discuss the Park and the possibility of installing a fence with a sliding door around their equipment.

m. Camp Oakdale Building

Estimates for a new, simple building that would be utilized for cold storage, e.g., fertilizer, truck, tractor(s), etc., will be sought. The goal is to eliminate the existing Conex boxes and old garage. The building should include electricity and a security system that is connected to the internet, allowing for live feeds. Internet access would also allow them to control the bathroom locks remotely.

Cement pads for Bleachers – Public Works Director Carlson reported that he has measured the area for the pads. The placement of the bleachers to areas where they would be better used by the public was briefly discussed. The Parks & Recreation Commission will discuss the placement of the bleachers.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of installing a Portable Ice-Skating Rink.

n. Football Building Siding and Stairs

Public Works Director Carlson expressed his concerns regarding the condition of the platform connected to the stairs in the back of the building. The front stairs were replaced/repared six years ago. The platform will be reviewed and price estimates for the replacement of the stairs and, possibly, the platform will be sought.

o. Summer Help

In researching the hourly rates for neighboring towns', it was found that the town's rate for summer help is in line with its surrounding towns. It was noted that the part-timers who have worked with them for three to four years continue to receive minimum wage. It was agreed to increase the wage for new help to \$1.00 over minimum wage and senior part-time help to \$2.00 above the new help.

7. New Business

a. Town Vehicles

One of the flail mowers has broken down and, due to the scarcity of parts, it is unknown when the mower will be repaired.

The Parks & Recreation Department is seeking to purchase a new pick-up truck. The item will be placed on the Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee for review and approval. Estimates will be provided.

A list of all of the vehicles and their status, including their age, mileage, and condition, will be provided. Councilor Mandler also requested a visual review of the vehicles.

Public Works Director Carlson requested the transfer of funds from their FY2021/22 Budget to the FY2022/23 Budget to purchase a replacement tractor that is estimated to cost \$44,797.00. He was directed to request that the item be placed on the Finance Committee's Agenda for review and approval.

Councilor Mandler stated that there is a fleet of eight (8) vehicles and one (1) International truck that has not been used for several years. Those vehicles that have not been in use for an extended period should be auctioned. Councilor Mandler also reminded him of his request for the maintenance records of the Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Marshal, and Animal Control Officer's vehicles.

b. Staffing/Promotions

Public Works Director Carlson will be discussing the vacancies on the Public Works staff with the Mayor. Two of the positions have been posted and will be closing on July 29. Chairman McNally stated that he has been receiving complaints from the staff regarding the lack of promotions in the department.

c. Signage for Parks & Recreation Department

The three (3) signs that were donated to the Town of Montville will be installed at the large pavilion, small pavilion, and dog park. The sign for the large pavilion may be placed on hold, pending its completion.

8. Remarks from the Public – *none*

9. Remarks from the Councilors

Councilor Mandler thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He is pleased with the progress.

Chairman McNally also expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Director for his hard work and efforts.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Caron, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville