

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

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 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Absent were Councilor Rix and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations – *none*
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron, to add the following items to the agenda:
 - 16(l) To Consider and Act on a Motion to discuss an increase to the Mayor’s salary.
(Councilor May)
 - 16(m) To Consider and Act on a Motion to discuss proposed House Bill 5467 titled “An Act Exempting Certain Property Located on Certain Native American Lands from Property Tax.” (Councilor Caron)Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Executive Session
 - a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of a personnel matter. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. Chairman McNally resumed the meeting at 7:32 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
Gary Murphy, 55-F Laurel Point Drive, expressed his wholehearted support for Items 16(f), regarding the Citizen Alert System (Everbridge) Policy and 16(g), regarding the WebEOC User Access Policy. He stated that there were numerous emergencies in which those responding to the calls, including Fire and Police Chiefs, do not have access to the system. As a result, the public is not promptly informed and alerted of any pertinent incidents. He also commented on Item 16(h) regarding the equipment damage sustained from the scrap yard fire, stating that it is common practice for fire companies to reimburse those departments whose vehicles were damaged during the course of providing mutual aid services.

Keith Truex, Chief, Chesterfield Fire Company, concurred with Mr. Murphy's comments. He stated the importance of having access to the Everbridge system to help disseminate information to the townspeople in a timely manner and the WebEOC service to provide information to the fire services. According to the state, the Fire Chiefs should have access but, due to politics, it was not provided. Having access to the systems would improve their services to the town and its residents. He also informed the Councilors of the damage that was sustained by one of the fire companies due to the salvage yard fire.

9. Communications

- a. Copy of the December 2022 Financial Reports from Finance Director Barbara Griffin
- b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of December 2022
- c. Copy of additional legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of August 2022
- d. Copy of additional legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of November 2022
- e. Copy of legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of December 2022
- f. Copy of an e-mail concerning the complaints/concerns received by the public and update regarding the Gateway Terminal from Liz Burdick, Director, Department of Land Use & Development
- g. Copy of a letter from TEC Associates Consulting Engineers regarding the 2023 Vegetation Management Plan for the New England Central Railroad, concerning the scheduled application of herbicide after May 1, 2023.

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred – *none*

11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred

Finance Director Barbara Griffin reported that the Audit should be available by the end of the week. Unofficially, the Fund Balance has increased and the Unassigned Fund Balance will increase to approximately 18.6% to 18.9%. She also reported that the bulk of the \$7 million School Infrastructure Projects Bond will be allocated to Tyl Middle School's roof replacement, rooftop air handlers, and other miscellaneous projects. A portion of the air handlers might be eligible for state funding. The \$1 million tennis court replacement and Road Bond will be issued and the final documents will be signed during the first week of May. The Tax Collector is planning to schedule a tax sale in mid-March.

Land Use Department Director Liz Burdick reported on the following items:

Boat Launch Grant – The Town Attorney is in the process of reviewing the Personal Services Agreement for the Boat Launch Grant. Once signed, the funds will become available and work will begin on the fishing pier and boat launch.

Items 16(j), concerning homelessness, and 16(k), concerning the adoption of a Poet Laureate for the Town – both of these resolutions were drafted by the Sustainable CT Committee and will fulfill two of the tasks.

Item 16(b), concerning the amending the real estate tax assessment for the proposed Oxoboxo Lofts Project – Eric Kuczarski, Senior Development Director, Dakota Partners, is present this evening to speak about the item.

Item 16(c), concerning the acceptance of the road widening strips and drainage easements – During the selling process of the property, it was discovered that the road widening strips and drainage easements were not formally accepted by the town, deterring the property from being transferred with a clean title. The acceptance would allow the town to make any future improvements.

Cannabis Establishments Regulations – The Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, to discuss the proposed Cannabis Establishments Regulations. The Councilors may submit their comments to the Land Use Office.

Gateway Terminal – Updates and related Inspection Reports regarding the site were e-mailed to the Town Council in January. Zoning & Wetlands Officer Meredith Badalucca continues to conduct weekly inspections of the site.

Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council – Land Use Department Director Burdick reported that she was recently appointed a member of the Council. One of the goals of the Council is to project a more positive image of mobile manufactured home establishments.

Public Works Director John Carlson reported that the department is currently working on tree removal, stump grinding, and catch basins. He spoke on the three items included on this evening's agenda: 16(d) and (e), concerning waiving the sealed bid requirement for the Social Services Building Asbestos Removal and the Walking Trail Gravel Lot, and 16(i), concerning the proposed LED Lighting Project, which would include all of the town's buildings with the exception of the Community Center. Jack Cunningham, Director, Energy Solutions Sales, is present at this evening's meeting to answer any questions the Councilors might have regarding the Project. He explained that the cost of the four (4) year interest-free loan would be offset by its electricity savings. In response to Councilors Caron and May, Public Works Director Carlson stated that the project only includes interior lighting and does not include the Camp Oakdale football field or tennis court lights. Due to its limited use at the football field and courts, there would be no cost savings. In addition, the poles would need to be redesigned to ensure that they would be able to handle the additional weight of the transformers. He is investigating the possibility of remedying the issues with the timer at the football field. Councilor Caron commended and thanked him for stepping into the job and expressed his concerns with the amount of time it has taken to renovate the Social Services building; he requested that the project be prioritized.

12. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – *no meeting*

b. Finance

Chairman McNally reported that the budget season is starting and they are awaiting the receipt of the final Audit Report.

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – *items are on the agenda*

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Bunnell: Library Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund

Library Committee – *no meeting*

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund – Stipends and tax abatements were approved for the Montville, Chesterfield, Oakdale, and Mohegan Volunteer Fire Companies.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Updates for the tennis court, large Pavilion, football fields, and bathrooms were provided by the Parks & Recreation Director. The Commission also listened to a presentation by the Montville Little League President regarding the possibility of remodeling the baseball fields to accommodate the 50/70 League for children 12 to 13 years of age. The Community Center Exploratory Committee is discussing the costs, maintenance, and day-to-day operations of a community center with the surrounding towns. The Commissioners elected their new officers and approved their proposed FY2023/24 budget of \$324,444.00.

b. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Social Services, Non-Profit Organizations
Commission on Aging – *no quorum; no meeting*

Per Chairman McNally, the Library, Little League, and New London Homeless Hospitality Center will be contacted regarding the submission of a formal letter of request for their funding.

- c. Councilor Mandler: Water Pollution Control Authority, Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee
Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) – The Committee will be presented with a copy of the check register and invoices during their monthly meetings. Following a presentation regarding the Cook Hill Tank Replacement Project, the Committee agreed to send the item out for bids.
Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee – The Committee continues to be in recess. An additional \$7,000.00 in unused funds will be returned to the Committee for re-allocation.
 - d. Councilor May: Conservation Commission
The Conservation Commission continues to work with the Public Works Department to complete their projects at the Conservation Center. A presentation regarding Invasive Insects will be held on March 7, 7:00 p.m., at Town Council Chambers, Town Hall.
 - e. Councilor Rix: Board of Education, Farmers Market Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission – *not present*
 - f. Councilor Yuchniuk: Economic Development Commission, Public Safety Commission, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
Economic Development Commission & Youth Services – *no report*
Public Safety Commission – During the month of January, the Police Department received 819 Calls for Service and issued 162 citations and the Fire Marshal’s office reported the receipt of 279 Calls for Service, of which 216 were ambulance calls. The Assistant Building Official position remains open. A subcommittee was formed to address issues concerning the fire department radio system.
14. Appointments and Resignations
- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Florence Turner from the Board of Education, effective January 19, 2023.
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: The Councilors expressed their regrets. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Lisa Terry to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education with a term to expire on November 13, 2023.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: The Councilors agreed that the town is very fortunate to have Ms. Terry re-involved in the town. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Frank Miceli to the Building Code Board of Appeals with a term to expire on February 13, 2028.
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Unfinished Business – *none*
16. New Business
- a. **Resolution #2023-13. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$429.55 (four hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to into an agreement with OX Owner, LLC to amend the real estate tax assessment agreement for the proposed Oxoboxo Lofts project, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §12-65b, as stated in Exhibit B. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Land Use Director Burdick provided a brief background regarding the item and introduced Dakota Partners Senior Development Director Eric Kuczarski. The project includes the renovation of the historic Faria Mill to accommodate 57 affordable housing units. Dakota Partners Director Kuczarski provided an update on the status of the project and stated that they are currently in the process of finalizing their loan with the lenders and investors. One of the primary concerns is the stability of the operating costs, which includes the cost of the annual real estate tax payments. While they estimate the market value of the property at \$3 million, the Town Assessor's estimate is approximately \$4.4 million. They are requesting that the Town agree to lock in the Assessor's estimated assessment at a fixed rate of 2% over the next ten (10) years. He reported that bids have been received to remedy the environmental issues on the property and thanked the Town for their support for the grant application. They are hoping to begin construction in April 2023.

Project Cost (Chairman McNally) – Due to the pandemic and rising costs, the previously estimated \$35 million project has grown to \$45 million. 100% of the funds have been secured. To date, approximately \$8 to \$9 million has been expended and the reconstruction building process is approximately 45% complete.

Timeline (Chairman McNally) – It is estimated that the project will take approximately 12 months to complete.

Opinion of the Tax Assessor (Councilor May) – Based on casual conversations with the Assessor, Land Use Director Burdick stated that the Assessor has no position regarding the amendment. Councilor May requested additional information regarding the current and final assessed value of the property.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron, to amend the original motion and postpone the item, pending further comments from the staff. Discussion: In response to Councilors Bunnell and McNally regarding the funding, Dakota Partners Director Kuczarski clarified that they have received a 100% commitment from the bank and must jump through several hurdles before closing and fully securing the loan. He was unable to comment on whether the project's funding sources would be in jeopardy should the item fail. Councilor Caron expressed his support for the project but expressed his trepidation in agreeing to the item based on the precedence it might set for future projects. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- c. **Resolution #2023-14. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the road widening strips and drainage easements from the Estate of Elisabeth Patricia Sheehan to the Town of Montville, as approved in the "Subdivision Plan, Zoning District R-80, "Sheehan Estates", Massapeag Road and Derry Hill Road, Montville, CT, Sheets 1 to 16, Prepared by CME Associates, Inc., Dated 01/01/2007, Revised to 12/27/07" by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their December 11, 2007 Regular Meeting. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: It was clarified that the Resolution allows for the town to widen the road for future improvements. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2023-15. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town Charter for the Social Services Building Asbestos Removal, as it is in the best interest of the Town. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- e. **Resolution #2023-16. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town Charter for the Walking Trail (“Horton Cove Trail”) Gravel Lot at 911 Route 32, Uncasville, CT, as it is in the best interest of the Town. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: The estimate for the project was over the required amount for a sealed bid requirement by \$1.00. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- f. **Resolution #2023-17. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Town of Montville Citizen Alert System (Everbridge) Policy For Use. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilor May expressed his dismay with the Fire Companies' lack of access to the system, adding that it was his understanding that the system would be accessible by all of the town departments. Chairman McNally agreed, adding that the town has minimally utilized the system since being established. Public Safety Commission Chairman Murphy confirmed that the Commission supports the Policy. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- g. **Resolution #2023-18. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Town of Montville Policy on WebEOC User Access. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Like the Town of Montville Citizen Alert System (Everbridge) Policy For Use, the Policy would provide access to the Fire Companies and all department heads. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- h. **Resolution #2023-19. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the transfer \$11,304.00 (eleven thousand three hundred and four dollars) from Contingency (Line Item 10480-52164) to Capital (Line Item 10960-54089) to replace the Fire Department equipment damaged in the scrap yard fire. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- i. **Resolution #2023-20. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to enter into an agreement with Environmental Systems Corporation for the proposed LED Lighting Project for all town buildings. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Councilor May requested that the lighting at the ballfield and tennis courts also be reviewed and considered. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- j. **Resolution #2023-21. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt a resolution regarding homelessness. (Mayor McDaniel)

WHEREAS, Connecticut's towns and cities routinely encounter and provide services to the thousands of households who experience homelessness each year;

WHEREAS, data shows that homelessness affects people in every town in Connecticut;

WHEREAS, municipal leadership, coordination, and resources are vital to establishing a path to end homelessness;

WHEREAS, The Town of Montville takes pride in its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents;

WHEREAS, The Town of Montville Social and Senior Services works to assist people experiencing unsheltered homelessness within the Town; and the Town works with and contributes to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center;

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, and other partners are calling on municipalities to take action to prevent and end homelessness across the State of Connecticut.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Town of Montville, will continue to increase public awareness and support efforts to end homelessness by working with our regional partners to share and collect homeless data.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion:

Councilor May questioned the definition of homelessness. Land Use Director Burdick stated that homelessness refers to individuals and families who lack a fixed and adequate residence. The purpose of the Resolution is to show that the town, either through its Social Services or other resources, including the New London Homeless Hospitality Center and TVCCA (Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc.), will provide aid to prevent homelessness to the best of their ability. The Resolution could also expand the town's ability to seek alternative resources, including grants. Councilor Caron added that the Resolution would provide the town with an additional tool with which to help the community. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- k. **Resolution #2023-22. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt a Poet Laureate for the Town. (Mayor McDaniel)

WHEREAS, The Town of Montville places importance on gifted people sharing their skills and talents with the community;

WHEREAS, the Town of Montville Board of Education recognizes a Poet Laureate each year during graduation.

WHEREAS, the Town of Montville Town Council wishes to adopt a Poet Laureate for the Town

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Montville Town Council that the Poet Laureate selected by the Town of Montville Board of Education be considered the Poet Laureate for the Town of Montville for the year that they are named.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None.

Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- l. To Consider and Act on a Motion to discuss an increase to the Mayor's salary. (Councilor May)

Councilor May requested that their previous discussions regarding increasing the Mayor's salary be revived. Councilor Caron recalled that the item was sent to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee for review and recommended the Councilors agree to re-send the item to the Committee for further review. The Councilors agreed to send the item to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee for review.

- m. To Consider and Act on a Motion to discuss proposed House Bill 5467 titled "An Act Exempting Certain Property Located on Certain Native American Lands from Property Tax." (Councilor Caron)

Councilor Caron reported on proposed House Bill No. 5467 that would result in at least \$600,000.00 in lost revenue to the Town of Montville. According to the House Bill, those who establish a business on Tribal property would be exempt from property taxes. He felt that its passage would penalize the town and be unfair to the town's small businesses located outside Tribal property. While the Mayor has spoken with one of the Tribal Chairmen to express the Town's opposition, he encouraged everyone to contact their Legislative Delegation and voice their opposition. He also requested that the Chairman send a letter of opposition to the State Legislators on behalf of the Town Council. Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, and May concurred. The Councilors agreed to authorize Chairman McNally to draft a letter to their State Representatives on their behalf stating their opposition to House Bill No. 5467.

17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit

Matt Suarez, 18 Cranberry Drive, commended and recognized an off-duty Police Officer who provided aid to a three-year-old child, dressed in pajamas and lying down on the sidewalk at 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. approximately one and a half weeks ago during extreme weather conditions.

Gary Murphy, 55-F Laurel Point Drive, prefaced his remark by stating that he wished to speak on the position of the Fire Marshal and not the individual(s) who serves or served the position. He stated that the position of the Fire Marshal is exercising authority that it should not be afforded, including decisions regarding personnel and response procedures. Such decisions should be under the guise of the individual department's Fire Chief or Officer in Charge. He cited recent occurrences in which the Fire Marshal approved the paid firefighters to leave his/her post for several hours, interfering with operational control. He stated that the job description should be amended, stripping the Fire Marshal of the authority to make such decisions which, he noted, also violate state law. On a different note, he wished to express his pride and appreciation to the firefighters who helped control a house fire on Fitch Hill Road under extreme weather conditions (-9°) that resulted in their battling the effects of the cold as well as the fire, including freezing hose lines and unfreezing the tires of the ladder truck from the ice created by the water being used to control the fire.

Keith Truex, 1046 East Lake Road, thanked the Councilors for supporting the Everbridge and WebEOC Policies. He stated that the current issues with the Everbridge system lie in the fact that three of the four administrators have retired from the town and the lack of effectively promoting of the system due to politics. He commended the Town Council for starting the process to move forward from their past issues for the betterment of the town. He also concurred with Mr. Murphy's comments regarding the Fire Marshal's authority and the need to improve communication and regain operational control.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Bunnell, in response to Mr. Murphy's comments regarding operational control, recommended that the Public Safety Commission revise the Fire Marshal's job description

and inform the fire chiefs to cc any orders to the Mayor and Town Council so that they could be better informed and bring issues to light.

Councilor Caron concurred, adding that, while they often hear of issues second or third-hand, it would be helpful to hear them directly from the fire chiefs, themselves. He expressed his appreciation to the department heads for attending the meeting and the town's First Responders for their service.

Councilor May expressed his surprise at the listing of administrators for the Everbridge system and the lack of access to both the Everbridge and WebEOC systems by pertinent staff. He recommended that a process delineating the roles of the individuals involved and establishing a dedicated staff person to disseminate the information be drafted.

Councilor Yuchniuk expressed his hope that their work tonight would resolve some of the issues and raised the possibility of hiring an Emergency Management Director to lead the town in such matters.

Councilor Mandler, who has had conversations with numerous individuals regarding emergency services, concurred with his colleagues and expressed his anger with actions that are taken that jeopardize the town's residents. He cited CT General State Statutes §7313(e) which places the fire chiefs in charge.

Chairman McNally announced that they are planning to recognize those involved in the scrapyard and Fitch Hill Road fires as well as the dispatchers who helped an elderly woman out of her home. He also invited any couples who would like to get married on Valentine's Day to visit the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall tomorrow from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Mandler to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

AN AUDIO RECORD OF THE MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE LOCATED UNDER RESOURCES – MEETING RECORDINGS