

Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 28, 2012
5:30 p.m. – Room 102 – Montville Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chairman Longton called the meeting of the Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee to order at 5:35 p.m. after establishing a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Caron and Longton (5:35 p.m.). Absent was Councilor McFee. Also present was Public Works Director, Don Bourdeau and Transfer Station operator/employee, Flo Turner. Also present was Mr. Winston Averill from SCRRRA and Ms. Jennifer Weymouth, Environmental Analyst Materials Management and Compliance Assurance Source Reduction & Recycling for the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection.

4. Presentations

- a. Presentation from representatives from DEEP regarding the “Pay as You Throw” Program.

Mr. Winston Averill from SCRRRA and Ms. Jennifer Weymouth, Environmental Analyst Materials Management and Compliance Assurance Source Reduction & Recycling for the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection were present to discuss the Pay as you Throw Program with the Committee members. Ms. Weymouth presented a slide show that discussed the following; DEEP Smart Waste Management, statewide materials perspective, environmental and economic benefits of waste reduction, Connecticut’s residential and commercial waste and recycling rate since the 1990’s, Connecticut’s projected capacity shortfall, Statewide overall MSV disposal composition for 2009, ways to change the way people value trash, environmental value of trash, saving natural resources, benefits to municipality and state through avoided disposal costs and long term benefit to the region, waste reduction as a behavior change, ways for municipalities to save money and reduce trash, the Save Money and Reduce Trash (SMART) program, unit based pricing programs, education for recycling programs, the sources for paying for trash, Communities utilizing the Pay as You Throw program in Connecticut, economics and environment for unit based pricing, benefits of composting food and yard waste, examples of towns and states that have benefited from unit based pricing for trash pickup, unit based rate incentives, pricing from various towns for bags for the Pay as You Throw program, how to customize unit based pricing to keep the program flexible, best practices for contracting trash pickup, how municipalities can

control rate structures, incentives for residents to utilize the program, options to reduce waste and associated costs, improving waste reduction and recycling.

Chairperson Longton requested information as to how the Pay as You Throw program will specifically save the Town of Montville money and how it could potentially benefit the Town of Montville.

Mr. Bourdeau discussed the curbside recycling program, stating the town can save money if it eliminates the service, he discussed the abuse of the sticker system and the need to look at alternate ways for eliminating the abuse of the system as it stands.

Councilors Longton and Caron thanked Ms. Weymouth and Mr. Averill for attending the meeting.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Longton to add agenda items 6, 7, 8 (a), 9 (a,b,c,d, and e), 10 and 11 to the next regularly scheduled meeting agenda for discussion. Discussion, Councilors Caron and Longton stated they both are obligated to attend other meetings and apologized for any inconvenience this may cause. Discussion, none, voice vote, 2-0, all in favor, motion carried and the agenda was amended.

The following items will be added to the April 25, 2012 regular meeting agenda.

6. Approval of the February 22, 2012 regular meeting minutes.
7. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion regarding the removal of trees from the vicinity of power lines.
9. Old Business
 - a. Discussion regarding re-use/free items and tag sales.
 - b. Discussion regarding the Adopt a Road program.
 - c. Discussion regarding road repairs and chip sealing/paving.
 - d. Discussion regarding Transfer Station Operations.
 - e. Discussion regarding bridge repairs.

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10. Remarks from the Public

11. Remarks from the Councilors

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Longton to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 2-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville.