

Town of Montville
Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2018
5:30 p.m. – Montville Town Hall – Room 102

1. Call to Order
Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors McNally, Pollard, and Caron)
Present were Councilors Caron, McNally, and Pollard (5:34 p.m.). Also present was Public Works Director Donald Bourdeau, Jr.
4. Presentations – *none*
5. Alterations to the Agenda
The following item was added to the Agenda:
 - 9(a) Status of historic church located on Meetinghouse Lane and Raymond Hill Road
6. Approval of:
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2018
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor McNally. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda – *none*
8. Old Business
 - a. Road repair schedule update
The Road Repair schedule is pending, depending upon the bond resolution/referendum.
 - b. Review of the infrastructures of Town-owned properties
No discussion; the item will be removed from future agendas.
 - c. Transfer Station update
The Transfer Station renovations, while hectic, are progressing and are on schedule.
 - 1) Revisions to Transfer Station Policy
Copies of the Policy were distributed. A redline version of the Policy will be presented to the Committee for review.
 - 2) Fee schedule update
The fee schedule update(s) is pending, depending upon the possible establishment of the Pay-Per-Bag system. The item will be removed from future agendas.

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3) Permit Policy

The Permit Policy is also pending, depending upon the possible establishment of the Pay-Per-Bag system. The item will be removed from future agendas.

d. Public Works Facility update

They are continuing to wait for approval by the State.

e. Status of the cash bond for roadwork

A meeting with the Southeastern CT Water Authority will be held after the Fourth of July holiday to discuss the issues. A conversation regarding the possibility of future water system renovations might also be introduced in the near future.

f. Status of Silver Falls Bridge

The Bridge has been cleaned up and the Engineer is in the process of designing a pedestrian bridge and simple turnarounds.

g. Care and maintenance of service memorial area by old Town Hall

The bushes and cherry tree have been trimmed. The repair of the sidewalks is pending.

h. PAYT/SMART Program

Chairman McNally provided a brief background of the Program, leading to the Informational Meetings. Questions and feedback have been received, including those inquiring about the availability of compacter bags and the pricing and quantity of bags being offered. An additional, well-advertised Public Hearing/Informational Meeting will be scheduled with announcements posted and flyers distributed at the Transfer Station. A digital version of the presentation, a list of Frequently Asked Questions, and a flyer with bullet points will be available online. Arrangements may be made allowing residents to submit comments and questions to *The Day* newspaper, both online and in print. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., pending the ability of a DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) representative to attend and speak at the meeting.

9. New Business

a. Status of historic church located on Meetinghouse Lane and Raymond Hill Road

Public Works was commended on their work on the Church. Chairman McNally will speak with Town Planner Marcia Vlaun regarding the future plans for the Church.

10. Remarks from the Public

Florence Turner, Transfer Station employee, felt that the \$3.00 one-time use of the Transfer Station should be reviewed, either by increasing the fee or setting a limit to the amount of garbage residents are allowed to bring. She also stated the importance of having all of the Transfer Station employees listen to the presentation due to the number of questions they are receiving. Public Works Director Bourdeau agreed and stated the importance of also

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making the literature available with contact information so as to avoid any possible misunderstanding(s) and/or misinformation.

Councilor Wills Pike commented on the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Regulations, which has been in existence for 30 years, citing some of its issues, including the exclusion of commercial businesses and free and re-use areas. He felt that the current Regulations are neither executable nor functional. Depending upon the extent of the edits, the Regulations might be sent to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Subcommittee for review and approval as well as the Town Attorney. A Public Hearing will also be scheduled should the fines and fees be revised.

Donna Geary, 11 Depot Road, commented on the importance of the availability and distribution of concrete, written information from a reliable source for the public to review. She felt the Program was thrust upon the public without any information leading to confusion and misinformation. She suggested the possibility of engaging community organizations to “buy into” and help promote the program. It appeared that the Committee did not avail themselves to all of the available resources and, while social media can be an effective tool, it is important to utilize other manners of reaching out to the public. She also stated the difference between a Public Hearing and an Informational Meeting. She thanked Councilor Pike for introducing and presenting the issues regarding the current Transfer Station Policy.

In response, Chairman McNally stated that the Subcommittee discussed the issue over a period of six months, during which a number of options were explored. The Committee determined that the Pay-Per-Bag System would not only help fulfill the State Mandate, but would also be the most equitable. Discussion ensued regarding the process and distribution of information and materials. It was agreed that holding an additional Public Hearing(s) and/or Informational Meeting(s), posting the literature online as well as providing handouts at the Transfer Station and other key locations, and working with *The Day* newspaper would be beneficial.

Councilor Pike commented on the success of the Pay-Per-Bag System at his home in Bennington, Vermont.

11. Remarks from the Councilors – *none*

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville