

Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2018
7:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

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 Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
 4. Special Recognitions/Presentations
A Special Presentation to Friendly's Pizza from the Economic Development Commission was added to the Agenda. In response to Councilor Jaskiewicz, Chairman McNally felt that, because it is not an item to be voted upon, adding it to the Special Meeting Agenda was not an issue.
 - a. Special Presentation to Friendly's Pizza from the Economic Development Commission
Friendly's Pizza was not present.
 - b. Special Presentation to Ellen Desjardins
Chairman McNally presented Ms. Desjardins, who has been taking care of the gardens at Town Hall for a number of years, with a plaque of appreciation recognizing her for all of her hard work and dedication to the Town of Montville.
 - c. Special Presentation to Kathie Doherty-Peck by Mayor Ronald McDaniel and Commission on Aging Liaison Councilor Kathy Pollard
On behalf of the Town, Mayor McDaniel congratulated and presented Social & Senior Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck with a Certificate in recognition of her successful life-saving effort of performing the Heimlich maneuver at the Senior Center. She was commended for her courage, bravery, and serving as an inspiration for all.
 - d. Special Presentation with State Proclamation and Town Citation to five Eagle Scouts
State Representative Kathleen McCarty stated her pleasure and privilege in attending this evening's meeting and her honor in recognizing five Eagle Scouts with a State Citation. She congratulated Eagle Scouts Raymundo Bigalbal, Gregory Clark, Dane Conascia, John Domijan, and Tristan Krassner – all of whom are truly leaders and who, along with their families, deserve tremendous recognition for their accomplishments. She recited and presented Eagle Scouts Bigalbal and Krassner, who were present, with the Official State Citation. Mayor McDaniel echoed Representative McCarty's sentiments and expressed his pride in the Town's Eagle Scouts, each of whose past and future contributions to the community are a testament to their parents, mentors, and families. He, along with Councilor Rogers, congratulated and presented a Proclamation from the Town of Montville to Eagle Scout Bigalbal, who funded, planned, organized, and coordinated the help of three Scouts and two adults, investing a total of 53 hours over nine days, to construct and install two (2) picnic tables and two (2) benches for the new Dog Park, and Eagle Scout Krassner who, with the help of four scouts, one adult and two others, invested a total of 39.5 hours over two days to plan, organize, build, and install a Flag Retirement Box at the Yantic Fire Engine Company #1.
- Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to take a short recess at 7:09 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.*
- Councilor McNally resumed the meeting at 7:18 p.m.*
5. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:
 - a. The Special Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018 (Boards/Commission Interviews)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. The Special Informational Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2018
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Executive Session
- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Chambers for Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. Chairman McNally resumed the meeting at 7:27 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.
7. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
- Vic Lenda, 128 Kitemaug Road, a member of the Public Safety Commission, spoke with regards to item 15(n), stating that the appropriation request of \$14,300.00 to the Impound Lot line item was passed unanimously by the Public Safety Commission and is supported by the Resident State Trooper. The proposed Impound Lot would house up to 15 vehicles.
- John Desjardins, 513 Raymond Hill Road, expressed his support of item 15(d) to waive the sealed bid requirement for the painting of the steeple of the church located on Meeting House Lane.
- Jon Chase, 1011 Route 163, echoed Mr. Desjardins' support of 15(d), adding that the Raymond Hill Library Board of Directors and Librarian have expressed an interest in utilizing the interior of the building for programs and meetings. In addition, volunteers who are willing to donate their time to paint the lower level of the building's exterior have been secured. He also expressed his grave concern regarding item 15(c). As an Attorney, himself, his office has utilized the services of Suisman-Shapiro on a referral basis for a number of years, most specifically Atty. Eileen Duggan, who he feels is a highly qualified individual. He questioned whether the phrase "will no longer pay for any services" refers to future services or services that have already been rendered and payment is outstanding. He is concerned that, should they be breaching its contract with the Firm, the Town would not only be legally exposing itself, but could poison their current and future relationship, tying the hands of future Councils who might be able to rely upon their services for cases that it has provided counsel in the past, and create legal discord and disharmony. He requested that the Town Council treat the Firm with the professionalism they deserve and consider the professional services that they have provided to the Town over the years.
- Ellen Desjardins, 513 Raymond Hill Road, thanked the Town Council for recognizing her and expressed her wish to meet with the members of the Town Council, possibly via the Public Works/Solid Waste Subcommittee, regarding the possibility of working with the State to improve the appearance of Route 32, adding that it being an election year, this might be the time to approach their legislators.
- Matt Northrop, 385 Raymond Hill Road, a Sergeant and 23-year veteran of the Montville Police Department, urged the Town Council to vote in favor of item 15(n), stating its current and future need.
- Building Inspector and Blight Officer Vern Vesey spoke with regards to item 15(o). Following a final review of the Ordinance this morning, he discovered that additional changes were made to the document, including the elimination of the ability for the Blight Officer the authority to offer a grace period of 30 to 60 days for the recipient of the Pre-citation Notice (§195-6A. Pre-

citation Notice of Violation). The change appears to be unintentional as the Attorney's notes indicate that the elimination is due a duplication included in the next sub-section regarding the offering of up to 60 days to the recipient of the Citation to remedy the blight. The Mayor and Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that they would confirm that the item is included in the Ordinance prior to its introduction at the Public Hearing.

Jon Chase, 1011 Route 163, spoke with regards to his experience working with various municipalities and their Blight Officers to conduct blight enforcement actions and agreed with the Blight Official regarding the inclusion of the section providing the Blight Officer with the authority to offer a grace period.

8. Communications

- a. Copy of the June 2018 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
- b. Copy of the July 2018 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
- c. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the months of May and June 2018
- d. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran Sage for the months of May and June 2018

9. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred

Mayor McDaniel reported that the CT DEEP (CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection) has completed its review of the proposed Noise Ordinance; the Ordinance will be forwarded back to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Sub-committee.

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

Mayor McDaniel reported that he has met with the CT D.O.T. (CT Department of Transportation) regarding the future Route 82 Re-surfacing and Route 85 Safety Improvements Projects. Approximately ten (10) interviews of candidates for police officers were conducted last month. He met with the Town's former Resident State Trooper and new Troop E Commanding Officer Lt. Todd Harbeck. The School Safety Committee has been resurrected and will continue to meet and work on their Safety Plans. A well-attended Swearing-In Ceremony for the Town's new Fire Marshal, William "Bill" Bundy, was held last Friday; he will be a great addition and asset to the Town. Congressman Joe Courtney will be hosting Office Hours at Town Hall this Thursday, August 23 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Councilor Pike noted the need for the Town to offer a competitive salary, as evidenced by a recently published advertisement for an entry level police officer in New London with a salary of \$61,112.00 versus \$54,000.00 in Montville.

Councilor Rogers expressed his dismay that he and the other Councilors were not made aware of a recent opening of a Labor Center in Montville that was attended by Congressman Courtney and Senators Blumenthal and Murphy. He requested that they be informed in the future of such events in which their legislators are in attendance so that they could show their respect. Mayor McDaniel stated that he was invited to and attended the ribbon cutting event by the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board and was unaware of the scope and/or their attendance prior to the event. Councilor Pike stated that, with Representative McCarty in the attendance this evening, the possibility of such invitations being extended to the Councilors in the future.

11. Reports from Standing Committees.

- a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz

The Committee discussed the Captain's position, for which no action was taken, and the Noise Ordinance, which will be introduced to the Town Council in the near future.

- b. Finance – Councilor Pike

Their recent meeting was attended by Senior & Social Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck, Montville Police Lt. Leonard Bunnell, and members of the Public Safety Commission. The Committee discussed the funding of the Community Booklet, which has been funded by Senior & Social Services, Youth Services, and the Parks and Recreation Departments. The proposed Booklet would include submissions from the Mayor, Town

Council, and various Town Departments and Organizations. As such, the addition of a line item in the budget allocating \$13,000.00 with a revenue stream of \$9,000.00 earned through advertisements is on this evening's agenda for approval. Also discussed and on this evening's agenda was the Impound Lot, for which six (6) bids were received; the bulk of the costs is due to the water/oil collection area. The purchase of body armor for the Police Department, including individually-sized helmets, bag, and chest armor with plates, as advocated by the Public Safety Commission, was also discussed. Estimated to cost approximately \$14,000.00, the funds will derive from the Department's equipment line item.

d. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor McNally

The Committee is currently in the process of revising the Transfer Station Regulations. Also discussed were the road repairs, which will be included in the bond referendum in November, and the Silver Falls Pedestrian Bridge.

12. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Pike: Board of Education (BOE), Planning & Zoning Commission

Discussion at the recent BOE meeting focused on buses and bus drivers. Being six drivers short for the new school year, the Board introduced the possibility of offering incentives to entice new drivers to join the staff. He reported that the old carpeting at Tyl Middle School has been removed and the gymnasium is near completion. Next budget season, he will be welcoming a discussion regarding the possibility of re-carpeting the classrooms at the School. The oil tank removal to be funded by a LoCIP (Local Capital Improvements Project) Grant is on schedule and the paving of the bus parking garage is in progress. It was discovered that the \$40,000.00 allocated for the project excluded the oil/water separator and, as such, additional funds will be necessary to complete the project. Heather Sangermano was reassigned as the Principal of Montville High School, taking the place of Principal Jeffrey Theodoss, who is retiring from his position. An Assistant Principal position at the Palmer Building was established to ensure that an individual is on-site; he/she will work under Principal Sangermano. A Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, August 21 at 11:30 a.m., for bus drivers and a diesel mechanic. The five-year lease for the eight buses is in the process of being finalized.

The Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed and approved an application for ten (10) building sites on Williams Road.

b. Councilor Pollard: Commission on Aging, Non-Profit Organizations

Senior & Social Services Director Doherty-Peck was successful in receiving four grants totaling \$114,775.80, including those for local medical transportation service; medical visit service, an increase allowing for services from 30 to 35 individuals; mental health counseling service, and; state-wide medical transportation for seniors. The Senior Center has been hosting a number of great Summer programs and, thanks to the Eagle Scouts, the patio area was recently revamped. The Community Booklet, which includes a listing of services, events, and programs hosted by the Social & Senior Services, Youth Services, and Parks & Recreation Departments, is slated for delivery to Montville residents in early September. Senator Paul Formica will be speaking with the Commission on Aging at their next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the senior safety and State regulations of home healthcare companies. They are currently in search of booklets which were once available for seniors for redistribution. The Senior Center will be hosting its final Summer BBQ event, a \$7.00 Clambake, on Friday, August 31, at 4:00 p.m. Donations for the Back-to-School Backpacks for students in need are being accepted at the Senior & Social Services Offices.

c. Councilor Rogers: Economic Development Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Public Safety Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

The Economic Development Commission held an informational meeting with a presentation by Executive Director Nancy Cowser of seCTer (Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region). The Town currently pays dues to seCTer and she encouraged all area municipalities to receive a return on their investment by capitalizing on their services. EDC Chairman Water Hewitt met with the Harbormaster of the Port Authority regarding the property located at Depot Road. The Commission is now receiving a Business Report from the Planning & Zoning Department which will enable them to welcome and maintain contact with the Town's new businesses. Chairman Hewitt and EDC Member Jim Toner have been in touch with Brittney Harris regarding two outparcels located at Montville Commons.

Councilor Rogers commended all of those who were involved with the success of the Parks & Recreation Commission's outdoor concert featuring *River of Dreams*, a Billy Joel Tribute Band, and Fireworks event, which was attended by over 500 people, and the Cornhole Tournament and Mystery Tour Concert. They will be hosting a Family Fun Mud Run on August 25 in conjunction with the Youth Services Bureau and Oakdale Fire Company. On September 8 at 10:00 a.m., the official opening of the Dog Park will be held. On the following day, they will be hosting the annual Montville Race Day (5K Race & 10K Masters Race) in conjunction with the Rotary Club.

Public Safety Commission – Councilor Rogers wished Montville Police Sgt. Robert Sundman, who recently accepted a position with the Stonington Police Department, the best. The Police Department currently has six openings and two officers are currently on light duty. As reported earlier, interviews for the officers are in process and the new Fire Marshal was sworn in; he commended the Commission for reviewing the applicants. The Commission is currently in the process of conducting a feasibility study regarding the construction of a new Animal Control Facility in the Town of Montville vs. engaging in a regional facility in New London.

The WPCA held a public hearing and the members approved a reduction in the Sewer Connection Fee Rates. Delrey of Ellington, CT, was awarded the contract for the Disinfection System upgrade and P&H Construction repaired a sinkhole on Route 32 by the Mohegan Brook pump station.

- e. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board Youth Services will be hosting a 2018 Benefit Concert for Youth and Social Services on Friday, September 14 with Thomas Rhett and Special Guests Brett Young and Midland at the Mohegan Sun Arena. Skybox tickets are available for \$100.00 and includes a dinner buffet. On September 4 at 5:45 p.m., a mandatory parent meeting will be held for all parents whose children are enrolled in their afterschool program.
- f. Councilor Caron: Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund, Social Services
The Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund met with the Mayor and Finance Director to discuss various available options to encourage people to volunteer for their fire departments.
The Social Services Department was able to purchase a number of food items through the recently received generous monetary donations. The staff and girls' soccer team have been busy collecting and collating the items for the Back-to-School Backpacks for students in need. Thanks to the Rotary Club, the Department is enjoying their recently installed, new carpeting. He encouraged everyone to purchase and support Youth & Social Services by purchasing a ticket to the upcoming Thomas Rhett Benefit Concert.

13. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Hartman from the Parks and Recreation Commission effective July 13, 2018.
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilors Rogers and Jaskiewicz expressed their regret. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Jason Bronson to fill a vacancy as an Alternate Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire on September 10, 2020.

Motion made by Councilor Pike, seconded by Councilor Rogers, to table the item. Voice vote, 6-1. Discussion: None. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Jaskiewicz. Motion carried.

- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Matthieu Beaupre to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on October 11, 2022.

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Unfinished Business – *none*

15. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2018-49. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$11,527.22 (eleven thousand five hundred twenty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2018-50. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the settlement agreement between the Estate of Fuller and the Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals, et al., for the property located at 260 Chesterfield Road on the Grand List of October 1, 2017 and authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver any documents necessary to finalize the settlement. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Town Council Chairman to send a letter to the law firm of Suisman-Shapiro advising them that the Town of Montville will no longer pay for any services other than the 2 hold over tax issues and to forward a letter to the Finance Director advising her of the same. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz apologized should this have stemmed from his consultation with the Firm regarding the Ordinances. Chairman McNally stated that it had come to his attention that the Firm is being consulted with for personnel issues when it was agreed that, aside from the two hold-over issues, all new inquiries would be directed to the Town's newly hired firm, Halloran Sage. Mayor McDaniel stated that, in accordance to §C901A of the Town Charter, the Mayor is authorized to engage the services of any firm for labor matters that stem from the Collective Bargaining Units and are negotiated. As such, he has engaged the services of Suisman-Shapiro, who are well-versed in their current contracts, for these ongoing and continuing personnel matters. Councilor Rogers also understood that only those two previous issues would be handled by Suisman-Shapiro. The Mayor corrected that there were more than two issues that were being handled by the Firm at the time and those have since been resolved; he confirmed that no new items have been referred to them since the hiring of the new law firm. Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that he does not recall any discussion related to the handling of labor matters by the Councilors and agreed that the Mayor has the authority to engage the services of any firm for labor matters. Councilor Rogulski felt that there was a lack of articulation and clarification and that the Town Attorney is the Town Attorney and any and all Town issues should be directed to them. If it is the case that the Firm is being consulted for only labor issues, he questioned why it appears that the Firm is

also being consulted for other issues in the invoices. Mayor McDaniel edified that the RFP (Request for Proposal) was for general counsel services; it did not specify or address labor. He reiterated that labor issues are under the office of the Mayor, who has the authority to hire a firm of his or her choosing to negotiate Collective Bargaining agreements and, as he interprets it, all issues stemming from those agreements. Councilor Rogers stated that, by Councilor Jaskiewicz's own admission, he consulted with Suisman-Shapiro regarding matter(s) outside of labor issues, which should have been directed to Halloran Sage. In his defense, Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that he consulted with Suisman-Shapiro with the understanding that the ordinances were previously reviewed by the firm. Councilor Pike expressed his concerns with the amount of charges Suisman-Shapiro has billed to the Town for repetitive issues, some of which, he has learned from the Finance Director, is out of the Town's control due to court issues. Mayor McDaniel stated that the outstanding issues are complicated and are being dragged out, not by the Town or the law firm, but by the other parties. Councilor Rogulski clarified that the Resolution is the result of a lack of communication perceived between the Mayor and the Town Council and there is no intention to not pay the Firm for services rendered. In response to Councilor Rogers, the Mayor stated that he did reply to Councilor McNally's e-mail in April 2018; those received in June and July were regarding the same matter and had already been replied to in the April e-mail. Councilor Caron felt that the Town should, above all, be following the Town Charter and suggested the possibility of hiring the services of an outside attorney to obtain a legal opinion on the matter. Councilor Rogulski agreed with regards to the general labor perspective and noted that there appears to be a third tax issue that was since introduced to Suisman-Shapiro and would like to confirm that general labor and the two hold over items are the only items the Firm is handling for the Town. The Mayor reiterated that no new items have been referred to Suisman-Shapiro since the hiring of Halloran Sage.

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to table the item. Voice Call vote, 6-1, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Caron. Motion tabled.

- d. **Resolution #2018-51. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to dissolve the Montville Community Center Committee. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz expressed his regrets. Chairman McNally stated that the Committee was formed to review possible grants and has not met for a long period of time. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2018-52. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town Charter for the painting of the steeple of the church located on Meeting House Lane. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Chairman McNally reported that he took a tour of the Church with Town Planner Marcia Vlaun to investigate the scope of the project and discuss the future plans of the building. Upgrades, including the doors and exterior of the building have been completed, but, due to the small scope of the painting of the Church's steeple, no bids were received. As such, she is requesting that the sealed bid requirement be waived. Bids will be acquired from local contractors. \$5,000.00 has been allocated in the budget for the renovation of the Church. Discussion ensued regarding the amount required for a sealed bid (\$10,000.00) and whether the project would be under that amount. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- f. **Resolution #2018-53. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to purchase a parcel of land located on Route 163 known as Assessors Map 46 Lot 66 from

Raymond B Mostowy Sr & Shirley D Mostowy for \$220,000 and authorize the mayor complete the sale on behalf of the Town of Montville. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated his understanding from their discussions that the amount to which the Councilors agreed to for the purchase price of the property was \$5,000.00 below the stated price. Chairman McNally stated that the price changed during their negotiations. Councilor Rogers stated that this was the lowest price from the sellers and felt that the property, being adjacent to Camp Oakdale and perfectly located in relation to the Dog Park, would be a great asset to the Town for the next 20 years. The property can be utilized as additional green space until it is developed and can be utilized by the elderly and special needs population. Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that, while he agrees with the purchase of the property, his issue revolves around how the matter was handled and the lack of communication between the Councilors regarding the change in the price of the sale. Councilor Rogulski felt that all parties should strive to better communicate with each other. Councilor Rogers also stated that he, personally, has had discussions with the Mayor regarding the property. Councilor Caron agreed that the issue lies in the lack of communication between the Councilors. Councilor Jaskiewicz reiterated his issue with the manner in which the purchase was handled. Councilor McNally disagreed, stating that the price was not voted upon by the Councilors. Councilor Caron reiterated the lack of communication and expressed his concern with the usage of the Unassigned Fund Balance for this purpose, feeling that it would better serve the residents of the Town if the funds were utilized to help lower their mil rate/taxes; it is their responsibility to ensure that the funds are spent in responsibly and correctly. Councilor Rogulski understands his viewpoint and felt that the allocation of funds for this purpose would benefit all of the residents of Montville, both young and old. Councilor Pike provided a brief background surrounding the purchase of the land, referring to the Town's Demographic Senior Housing Needs Analysis, which was generated by the Town Planner and Engineer. He recited the Town Planner's review of the property, which is comprised of 39.32-acres, 14 of which is designated as wetlands, stating the possibilities of the land. He stated that the Town instituted a 0.03 mil rate increase for FY2018/19 and, while they are financially solvent, he expects the Town will lose municipal funding from the State. He, too, is concerned with their taxes and the residents, but feels it is a good piece of property and is a strong advocate for its purchase; the property would be beneficial for the Town and its future and will never again become available. Roll Call vote, 6-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Caron. Resolution passed.

- g. **Resolution #2018-54. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the Stipulated Judgment dated July 24, 2018, between Theresa Fuller, Executrix of the Estate of Stephen N. Legg and the Town of Montville, Docket No. HHB-CV-18-6046176S, regarding a real property tax appeal. (Mayor Ronald McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- h. **Resolution #2018-55. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ron McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 420 units of medical visit service for seniors totaling \$11,999.40 (Eleven thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and forty cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Caron stated that Social & Senior Services Director Doherty-Peck works hard to acquire these grants, which are well needed and very beneficial for the seniors. Roll Call vote, 7-0,

all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- i. **Resolution #2018-56. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ron McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 1,620 units of medical transportation service for seniors totaling \$16,394.40 (Sixteen thousand three hundred ninety-four dollars and forty cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Pollard, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Councilor Caron reiterated that the much-needed service is beneficial for the Town's seniors. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- j. **Resolution #2018-57. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ron McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 432 units of mental health counseling service for seniors totaling \$11,232.00 (Eleven thousand two hundred thirty-two dollars and no cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- k. **Resolution #2018-58. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the year-end transfers for Fiscal Year 2017-18 as requested by the Finance Director and as depicted on schedule A. (Councilor Pike)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Finance Director Hart stated that the year-end transfers are conducted annually to balance the budget. Councilor Pike commended the Finance Director for her hard work. In response to Councilor Rogulski who questioned the ability for departments to go over-budget, Finance Director Hart stated that most of the expenses were for items that were out of their control, including salaries and contractual items. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- k. **Resolution #2018-59. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to appropriate \$13,000 to the printing line (10330-53014) for the Community Booklet. (Councilor Pike)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Pike stated that the Finance Committee would ensure that approximately \$9,000.00 will be made through advertisements to help offset the cost of the Booklet. Councilor Caron stated that it is a well-used and informative booklet. In response to the Mayor, an unfunded appropriation from the surplus line item would be made from the General Fund at end of the fiscal year. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- l. **Resolution #2018-60. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to create a revenue line (10100-48035) in the amount of \$9,000 for the Community Booklet. (Councilor Pike)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Chairman McNally stated that the addition of the line item is related to the previous item for the revenue to be received from the advertisements. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in

Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- l. **Resolution #2018-61. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to appropriate \$220,000 from the General Fund for the purchase of property located on Route 163 (Assessor's Map 46 Lot 66) in Oakdale. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Pike stated that the old Youth Services Building is slated to be sold, adding \$100,000.00 to their budget, which will help offset part of the costs. Roll Call vote, 6-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Caron. Resolution passed.

- m. **Resolution #2018-62. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$14,300 to the Impound Lot line (30999-54133) from Contingency (10480-52164). (Councilor Pike)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: As previously stated, Chairman McNally stated that the item went to bid, but excluded the costs for an oil/water separator. The 70' x 90' 15-vehicle Impound Lot area will be cleared by the prisoners and constructed by P&H Construction and Septic Service, LLC. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- n. To Consider and Act on a Motion to introduce an ordinance titled "An Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance 2009-005, Blighted Premises" and to set the date of September 10, 2018, for a public hearing on same to begin at 6:30 PM and to be conducted in Council Chambers at Town Hall. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: The Ordinance will be double-checked to include the section as previously discussed by the Building Official. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

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

Ellen Desjardins, 513 Raymond Hill Road, suggested they consider hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Day for all of the volunteers in Town.

Jon Chase, 1011 Route 163, commended the Town Council for its purchase of the property in an effort to preserve the open space available in the Town, adding that it is a great opportunity that will benefit the Town and help improve the recreation opportunities in the future.

Candy Northrop, 385 Raymond Hill Road, who has two school-age children, urged the Town Council to remedy the school bus driver shortage as the shortage affects the time which the children are picked up and the ability for the parent(s)/guardian(s) to be able to get to work on time as well as to help avoid children from exiting the bus later in the day when it is getting dark. Councilor Pike clarified that the Town Council does not control the school buses and encouraged her to attend and voice her concerns at tomorrow evening's BOE meeting.

17. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Rogulski commended the Town Council for approving the purchase of the property located on Route 163 and expressed his understanding of Councilor Caron's concerns and respect for his opinions. He appreciates everyone's efforts and apologized for the outbursts and spirited conversations and encouraged the Councilors to continue to openly communicate their opinions. He wished everyone an enjoyable summer. A Hidden Heroes Breakfast will be held at the Montville Senior Center on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. for all spouses, parents, family members, and loved-ones caring for the wounded, ill, or injured service members or veterans.

Councilor Pollard echoed Councilor Rogulski's sentiments and thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting. She stated the importance for the public to meet and speak with them from the heart. She expressed her appreciation to Senior & Social Services Director Doherty-Peck for all of her countless efforts in serving the Town's seniors.

Councilor Pike expressed his appreciation of all of the Councilors, adding that, though they do have differences of opinions, they do all work well together. He, too, expressed his respect for Councilor Caron's opinion. He explained that things come down to finances and they're doing the best they can and believes that they have done a great job in a short period of time to get the Town moving in a positive trajectory. He commended the Town's Finance Director, who gets the job done, protects the community, and ensures the Town's financial solvency. He also thanked the Mayor for the clarification, adding that he would be checking the Town Charter. He commented on a very good meeting.

Councilor Caron also felt that they had a good meeting. He stated the importance of respectfully agreeing/disagreeing with each other. He added that, while Councilor Pollard and himself are the liaisons of two different, but very related organizations, they work closely together to the benefit of both Social & Senior Services. Striving to listen to the public and their opinions and basing his decisions upon the feedback he receives from those he represents, he sometimes will disagree with his own party. He thanked the Councilors for respecting his opinion and vice versa.

Councilor Jaskiewicz thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting, adding that disagreements are healthy.

Mayor McDaniel congratulated Ms. Desjardins and Senior & Social Services Director Doherty-Peck for their accomplishments as well as the Eagle Scouts for their achievement. He commended the Councilors on the purchase of the property, which, he felt, would be a nice addition to the Town. He suggested they acquire a legal opinion regarding the item 15(c) to resolve the issue.

Councilor Rogers stated that respect is two-way street and, while they are genuinely trying to treat people with respect, he would that same respect to be reciprocated. He thanked Deputy Fire Marshal Paul Barnes for acting as the Fire Marshal during the interim. He commended the Eagle Scouts with whom he has worked since they were small children. He also thanked Rep. McCarty for attending this evening's meeting and presenting the State Proclamation. He also thanked the WPCA and Acting Superintendent Kirk Washington and Maureen Benway for holding down the fort while they search for a new Administrator and Superintendent. He also thanked the employees and stated the importance of their knowing that they see and know what is going on and support them.

Chairman McNally congratulated all of the award recipients, adding that this Town Council would work towards recognizing all of the individuals who volunteer and contribute to the Town and would consider hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Day.

18. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, 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 – FORM REPOSITORY – MEETING RECORDINGS**