Town of Montville
Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
   Chairperson May 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 Brian Baker, Billy Caron, Joseph Jaskiewicz, Tim May, Rachael Novak, and Nicholas Sabilia. Absent was Councilor Kate Southard. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.

4. Special Recognitions/Presentations – *none*

5. Alterations to the Agenda
   Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Novak, to add the following item to the Agenda:

   7. Executive Session
      a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for the Montville Housing Authority. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.

   Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

   Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Caron, to add the following item to the Agenda:

   9. Communications
      c. Copy of a letter from Kate Southard regarding the purchase of a replacement van for Senior Services.

   Discussion: Councilor Caron added that several additional letters were received regarding the same. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

   Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Sabilia, to add the following item to the Agenda:

   16. New Business
      f. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to consider and act on a motion to introduce and set the date for a public hearing for an ordinance titled "An Ordinance regarding the Conveyance of Real Property located at 192 Maple Avenue, Parcel ID #077-021-000"" on _____, at _____ p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Chairman May)

   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 September 14, 2026
   b. The Special Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2026 (PTA Lane Lease)

   Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron, to approve the September 14, 2026, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes and September 28, 2026, Town Council Special Meeting Minutes. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Executive Session
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      Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Novak. Discussion: The following candidate was interviewed: Victoria Snarski, Montville Housing Authority. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. Chairman May resumed the meeting at 7:19 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

   Joanne Benowski, Independence Village, 41 Milefski Drive, Unit 15, Uncasville, spoke on Item 16(d), expressed her support for the purchase of a senior bus. Since moving to the town in September, she has been able to take advantage of the Senior Center Bus and Med-Van, which has been very helpful. She commended the Senior & Social Services Director for her ongoing efforts to obtain funding for programs and providing transportation.

9. Communications
   a. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of August 2026
   b. Copy of a letter from John H. Nason regarding the need for a new Senior Center Bus
   c. Copy of a letter from Kate Southard regarding the purchase of a replacement van for Senior Services.
   d. Copy of letters from Cheryl Koltowich, an Anonymous Individual, Keith Kalohelani, Joan A. Festa, Mary Kripps, a resident at 91 Moxley Road (signature cut off), Ann Marie Sosin, Kathy Bradham, Jeanette S., Thomas Thompson, and Senior & Social Services Director Kathleen Doherty-Peck, Senior Bus Driver, regarding the purchase of a replacement van for Senior Services.

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred

    Mayor Bunnell reported that there are four (4) issues that the Town Attorney is currently reviewing, including the access use of the upper boat launch parking lot; the Magistrate Ordinance for the ATV Ordinance, among others; the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance; and Animal Control Facility cost overruns.

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

    Finance Director Julie Chapman reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the Town's recently submitted grant reimbursements and reports, including the CIF (Community Investment Fund) Route 32 Investment Grant, Pier Project Reimbursement request, Nuclear Emergency Management Grant, Town Aid Road (TAR) Grant, Urban Act Grants, Opioid Settlement Grant, and CIF Rounds 8 and 9. She attended a CIF Webinar with the Parks & Recreation Director for Rounds 8 and 9 for the Camp Oakdale Complex Improvements. The implementation process for employee time and attendance is scheduled to start this week and is slated to begin in the Spring of 2027. The Fire Department Retroactive Payments from July 2025 to present were disbursed. The Town, Board of Education, and Water Pollution Control Authority responded to the Auditors' requests for additional testing and edits. While the date of the final audit is unknown, the Town's financials and Single Audit will be completed first. The Town is approximately 25% into the fiscal year, with the Police Department and Dispatch Overtime being on target. The Fire and Public Works overtime is over budget due to the recent storms, and the part-time dispatchers are also over budget, reflecting the reduction in overtime costs for the full-time dispatchers.

In response to Chairman May regarding the status of the BOE HVAC reimbursements, she reported that, while the first two reimbursement requests were approved, the timeline for the receipt of the reimbursements is unknown. Chairman May expressed his concerns should the reimbursements (totaling $15 million) not be received before the end of the fiscal year.

Land Use & Development Director Dennis Goderre announced that the Town was not awarded the CIF Grant Round 9 for the Town Hall Improvements. Based on the feedback, higher-level plans will be developed, and the application will be resubmitted for Round 10. The Town was awarded an $80,000.00 CT Recreational Trail Grant to conduct a feasibility study for a multi-use path. The RFP (Request for Proposals) for the Study was issued, and a mandatory pre-bid meeting for consultants has been scheduled. The call for bids for the WPCA (and Meadows Apartments) feasibility study (funded by a USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Grant) was issued. A Public Hearing will be held next week to adopt the Revive and Renew Report as part of the POCD. The Department held a POCD Kick-off Meeting at the Fair Oaks Community Center and will be hosting another outreach meeting on November 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Council Chambers. The Planning & Zoning Commission is continuing to work on the Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Updates. There has been much development interest in housing, possibly sparked by the recent Electric Boat hirings.

In response to Chairman May, who questioned whether the study related to the CT Recreational Trail Grant could include the addition of sidewalks along Route 163, he stated that, during his initial conversations, there may be some reservations.

In response to Councilor Novak regarding the CIF Grant Round 9 Grant, he stated that the Grant submission included the Town Hall renovations.

Montville Police Lt. David Radford reported that two (2) of the three (3) vacancies in the Police Department have been filled. One of the Candidates is currently attending the Academy, and the other is attending the Post-Academy in Meriden. They are currently interviewing candidates to fill the third vacancy, with a goal of sending him/her to the Meriden Academy in January 2027.

Public Works Director John Carlson reported that Butlertown Road is complete and Phase II of the Maple Avenue Project continues to be in progress. Phase I of the Maple Avenue Project is complete. New catch basins were installed in the tennis/pickleball court parking lot, which is expected to be paved within the next week. The Camp Oakdale Large Pavilion Improvements Project, among others, has been submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a §8-24 Review. The Contractor is currently working with the Engineer to finalize the Fishing Pier and Boat Launch Project, and is addressing a punch list of items. The team picked litter and mowed the S-curves along Chesterfield and Old Colchester Roads. The Crew is also addressing catch basins and the Camp Oakdale Field lights, both of which are in need of attention. He is preparing the documents for an §8-24 Review for the Town Hall and Fair Oaks Community Center oil tanks. Several beavers, who created significant flooding to the nearby Church, were removed from Schofield Pond. The Fair Oaks Community Center Bathrooms Project is complete, with the exception of the installation of the pressure regulator and backflow preventer, which is contingent on the school schedule.

In response to Chairman May regarding the Boat Launch cameras, he reported that the cameras are operational and may be accessed in the Public Safety Building. The blue phone is in progress. Montville Police Lt. Radford added that the IT Director, Police Chief, and Mayor are seeking a grant to update the dispatch center for additional monitors that would allow them to view all of the Town's properties at one time.

Chairman May requested that a report be provided in November regarding the preliminary results of the recent changes to the Transfer Station regulations.

Mayor Bunnell reported that, as evident from their reports, all of the town departments have been very busy. He commended Deputy Fire Marshal Travis Roberts, who is currently serving as the Acting Fire Marshal, for all of his hard work and efforts. He continues to attend as many board and commission meetings as possible. He also commended and congratulated Petrowsky Auctions' Sammy Petrowsky, who successfully climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, raising $4,000.00 for Montville Social Services, including $1,000.00 from Columbia Ford. While they did not receive the CIF Round 9 Grant for the Town Hall renovations, he is grateful that the Town was awarded the aforementioned $2.6 million Grant for Camp Oakdale Improvements and the CT Trail Grant. Vacant positions for a Public Works Maintainer, Senior Center Administrative Assistant, and Parks & Recreation Department Administrative Assistant were filled. He commended and expressed his pride in all of the departments for their handling of the recent Nor'easter. He also reported that he offered the available rooms in the Community Center to St. Bernard's High School who experienced a recent fire.

12. Reports from Standing Committees
    a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – *no meeting; no report*
    b. Finance – *see the Finance Director's report (Item 11)*
    Chairman May expressed his pleasure at the institution of automatic timekeeping – an item that Councilors Baker, Jaskiewicz, and he have been pushing for to help streamline the payroll process.
    c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – *see the Public Works Director report (Item 12)*
    Councilor Baker reported that all of the materials for the pickleball privacy screen were received; the screen will be installed in Spring 2027. The Committee is also working on its list of 2027/28 Capital Requests.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors
    a. Councilor Baker: Public Safety Commission
    The Calls for Service for the month of September were reported as follows:

	Calls for Service	Per Day Average
Fire Department	339	11.3
Police Department	992	33.06

    A candidate for the vacant Career Firefighter position has been referred to the Mayor for consideration. As requested by the Town Council, a copy of a letter from Former EMS Captain Stephanie Kneier regarding the Operational Readiness of the Chesterfield Fire Company was referred to the Public Safety Commission.

    b. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Non-Profit Organizations, Social Services
    Non-Profit Organizations – The Mohegan Tribe donated funds to the Boosters towards the purchase of a new grill and Harlow's Heroes..

    Commission on Aging/Social Services – *see Item 16(d)*

    c. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Planning & Zoning Commission
    During their September Regular Meeting, the Commission continued several applications, including a proposed residential development on Route 32 and a proposed subdivision on Chapel Hill Road. They also approved two (2) §8-24 Reviews for the future sale of a property located on Maple Avenue and the lease agreement and relocation of PTA Lane. The Zoning Department issued 24 permits and closed 25 permits. The Land Use & Development Director also provided updates regarding the Housing Plan, POCD, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, and design guidelines. The Department also hosted a well-attended and informative POCD meeting.

Councilor Baker expressed his concerns and dismay with the lack of public participation, as evidenced by last night's meetings, resulting in a lack of knowledge of the Town's goals; he encouraged residents to take the time to attend the meetings and participate in the process. A brief discussion ensued regarding the spread of misinformation via social media.

Councilor May requested that the number of building permits issued also be included in his future reports.

d. Councilor Novak: Economic Development Commission, Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Fund
The Economic Development Commission attended a joint meeting with the Planning & Zoning Commission to discuss the Community Center Project with Gorman + York.

The Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Fund will be meeting on October 26 to discuss the proposed tax abatements and stipends.

e. Councilor Sabilia: Conservation Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
WPCA – The Department has received several complaints regarding the fees for online payments and the sewer rate increase. He noted that the sewer rates have not increased over a ten (10) year period and were also lowered at one time. The increased rate was necessary to help offset increasing costs, including the recent purchase of a new $56,000.00 main pump.

The Conservation Commission is hosting a Conservation Center clean-up session on Halloween at 9:30 a.m. The Avalonia Land Conservancy will also be hosting a soft opening of the recently purchased Bond Property this week.

The Youth Service Bureau is hosting a National Prescription Drug Takeback Day on October 24. Their "You Good, Bro?" Campaign was nominated for Best Program at the CYSA (Connecticut Youth Services Association) Conference and was selected for Program of the Year; anyone in need of emotional support is encouraged to dial 9-8-8. An animated version of the Campaign is expected to be released in the near future. The annual Basket Bonanza Fundraiser will begin on Election Day (November 3) at the Polling sites; anyone interested in donating a basket is encouraged to contact them. Thanks to the assistance of the Police Department and Oakdale Fire Company, a very successful Stuff-a-Boot event to benefit the Montville Animal Welfare Initiative was held. SERAC (Southeastern Regional Action Council) will be assisting the Bureau in submitting an application for a $50,000.00 Youth Cannabis Grant to reinstate the position for a High School Drug Counselor.

f. Councilor Southard: Board of Education, Farmers Market Committee, Library Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission – *not present; no report*

Chairman May also reported that the newly-formed Permanent Building Committee held their first meeting yesterday evening, during which they discussed their tasks. The Committee plans to propose an amendment(s) to the Ordinance to clarify its membership.

14. Appointments and Resignations
a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Deborah Schober to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on November 8, 2030.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Susan Rickards to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire on November 8, 2028.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Bonnie Bacon to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on November 14, 2028.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0-1, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, and Sabilia. Voting in Opposition: None. Abstention(s): Councilor May. Motion carried.

d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Raymond Occhialini to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire on November 14, 2030.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Motion carried.

e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Mary Hillman to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on November 14, 2030.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Motion carried.

f. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Gary S. Allyn to the Uncas Health District with a term to expire on November 14, 2029.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Motion carried.

g. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Karen Perkins to the Commission on Aging with a term to expire on November 20, 2029.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business
    a. **Resolution #2026-69. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of $9,799.19 (nine thousand seven hundred ninety-nine dollars and nineteen cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor May)
    Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Resolution passed.

    b. **Resolution #2026-70. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., to renew the lease agreement with Lifespan School Solutions, Inc., d/b/a the Bradley School – New London Regional for the use of the Town Hall Gymnasium. (Mayor Bunnell)
    Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: The Bradley School is located behind St. John's Church. It is understood that the gymnasium is unavailable on certain dates, e.g., elections. The gymnasium is used by the School for light recreational activities; mats are sometimes used, depending on the activity. It was clarified that the recent replacement of the floor tiles was due to

moisture, not use. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Resolution passed.

c. **Resolution #2026-71. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the favorable §8-24 review for the future sale of 192 Maple Avenue. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell stated that the property, which was heavily blighted, was recently cleaned. The sale of the property will provide much-needed revenue to the Town. He urged the Councilors to consider the staff report included with the application submitted for an §8-24 Review and their recommendations. Chairman May responded to criticisms regarding the lack of transparency with the sales of Town property, stating that a §8-24 Review was conducted, the public was notified, and a Resolution to set a Public Hearing date for the sale of the Property will be scheduled this evening. Councilor Caron commended the Blight Officer who assisted him in the clean-up of the property. In response to Councilor Novak, Mayor Bunnell stated that the clean-up cost of $13,000.00 included the removal of significant material, including tires, appliances, furniture, vehicles, and boats, filling seven (7) dumpsters; the majority of the material was taken to a disposal facility and was not handled by the Transfer Station. The hired contractor was the lowest of three (3) estimates. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Resolution passed.

d. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the use of up to $121,588.10 (one hundred twenty-one thousand five hundred eighty-eight dollars and ten cents) from account 10480-52164, Contingency for the purchase of 2026 StarCraft Senior Center Bus. (Councilor May)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: Chairman May proposed amending the motion to read:

> **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the use of up to $122,000.00 (one hundred twenty-two thousand dollars) from account 10480-52164, Contingency for the purchase of 2026 StarCraft Senior Center Bus. (Councilor May)

Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Motion carried.

Resolution #2026-72. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to authorize the use of up to $122,000.00 (one hundred twenty-two thousand dollars) from account 10480-52164, Contingency, for the purchase of a 2026 StarCraft Senior Center Bus. (Councilor May)
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Extensive discussion was held regarding the Resolution. Councilor Sabilia recited Councilor Southard's letter, stating her support for a new Senior Bus. Councilor Novak recited her statement regarding the Resolution, expressing her support for providing the seniors with safe and reliable transportation and disappointment with the unexpected proposal to purchase a replacement bus due to the Director's poor planning, oversight, and failure to follow the budget process. She felt that, while the Town Council is responsible for providing essential services, they must also exercise sound financial judgment and accountability, citing the significant financial challenges the town is currently facing, resulting in an increased tax burden. Three (3) estimates and other alternatives should have been sought before proposing the purchase of a new vehicle. She also felt that, while the bus was a need, it did not constitute an emergent need, such as the Town Hall boiler and roof. Public Works Director Carlson explained that the

vehicle was brought to Public Works for a hole in the floor; when the mechanic removed the mat, he discovered that the flooring underneath the driver's seat was unsafe. Similar to the school buses and police vehicles, the vehicle is inspected annually by the state for safety; the Director would not have had any knowledge of its condition. Additionally, Capital Requests for vehicles derive from the Public Works Department, which is tasked with repairing the Town's vehicles; the van was not included as part of a Capital request as the Director has been and was seeking a grant to fund its purchase. The replacement vehicle will be purchased through the state bid process, avoiding the need to seek estimates. Chairman May disagreed that the Town was in financial distress, quoting Councilor Baker's statement during the budget season that the mil rate increase was to correct previous years' funding. He felt that the Town's finances are healthy and that funds were available in the contingency or other funds. Mayor Bunnell added that third-party professionals on the state of the vehicle and other alternatives were sought, including sharing services and leasing a vehicle. Social Services Specialist Jennifer Adams stated that the hole was identified by the driver and brought to Public Works for further investigation. The 2013 vehicle, which has 120,000+ miles, was regularly maintained and a grant was being prepared for submission for the purchase of a new vehicle. The severity of the issue was unknown at that time. For the last 30 years, the buses have been purchased and/or replaced through donations or grants. She spoke on the benefits of the bus for the seniors, providing them with a sense of companionship and independence, and serving as a lifeline for many homebound seniors. Councilor Caron added that the contingency fund will be partially replenished by a generous donation from the Mohegan Tribe towards the purchase of the bus. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Resolution passed.

e. **Resolution #2026-73. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Property Tax Relief and Deadline Waiver for a 100% Service-connected Disabled Veteran under C.G.S. §12-81(83)

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes§ 12-81(83) provides a 100% property tax exemption on the primary residence of veterans determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100% permanent and total service-connected disability rating; and

WHEREAS, PENELOPE SHAFFER (SPOUSE), a resident of the Town of Oakdale residing at 41 Old Colchester Road Ext., meets all federal eligibility requirements for said exemption; and

WHEREAS, the veteran was unable to meet the standard local filing deadline because the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs did not finalize and issue the official 100% P&T rating certification letter until **April 10, 2026;** and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the service of its disabled veterans and desires to ensure that federal administrative processing delays do not strip an eligible veteran of a vital, state-mandated financial benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Montville hereby waives the late filing deadline for **PENELOPE SHAFFER (SPOUSE)** due to the documented timing of the VA determination, and authorizes the Tax Collector to retroactively apply the CGS § 12-81(83) property tax exemption to the 2025 Grand List, resulting in a tax abatement of $8,922.97 and a refund in the exact amount of $4,380.40.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Resolution passed.

f. **Resolution #2026-74. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to consider and act on a motion to introduce and set the date for a public hearing for an ordinance titled "An Ordinance regarding the Conveyance of Real Property located at 192 Maple Avenue, Parcel ID #077-021-000" on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Mayor Bunnell)
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Councilor Baker was pleased that the sale of the property will be handled by a real estate agent. Per the Assessor's 2021 appraised and assessed values of the property and land and the current state of the real estate market, he predicted that the sale of the property would be lucrative. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, and May. Resolution passed.

17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit
Joanne Benowski, Independence Village, 41 Milefski Drive, Unit 15, Uncasville, stated the importance of hiring a good team to handle the sale of the property, having witnessed the sale of several properties below value.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor
Councilor Jaskiewicz thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for the Councilors' positive, open discussions to determine what is best for the Town and its residents.

Councilor Caron also thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting, most especially the department heads for their updates and the Councilors for supporting the purchasing of a new senior bus.

Councilor Novak also expressed her appreciation to the public, adding that her words were her own and did not derive from any particular party; she merely wished to have clarification to ensure the Town's financial stability as she continues to learn about the process. She thanked the Councilors for their attention.

Councilor Baker stated his amazement at the mixed signals he receives from the public regarding what they would like to see in the Town moving forward. He expressed his wish for more individuals to attend the Town's meetings and become educated on the Town's happenings and future goals.

Councilor May referred to the Town's POCD, which states the history of the Town of Montville, including its agricultural roots, and its efforts to strive for more economic development. He urged the community to attend the POCD meetings and voice their wishes on the future of the Town, rather than attending and speaking at the Town Council meeting when the process is coming to a close. He also remarked on the misperceptions that are communicated via social media regarding the Town's progress.

Mayor Bunnell stated that it was their responsibility to take any and all available opportunities to inform and educate the public as best they can; for the past two (2) years, he has submitted a Capital Request to stream their meetings to the public. He felt that they could and should do better to inform the public.

19. Adjournment
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Sabilia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 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 – MEETING RECORDINGS