



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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March 13, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Tim Shanahan, Susan Rickards, Dan Boisvert, Micah Messer, Loretta Drain, Brianne Messer, Officer Karen Aleshire and Vouise Fonville

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Town Council Liaison Councilman Nick Sabilia, Youth Liaisons Josie English and Adam Sheridan, MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier

Absent: William Carlos

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence – When we met in November, we didn't realize at the time we did not have a quorum, we will continue to use texting for attendance
- Other Business to Report – No report

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Nick Sabilia)

- The town's finances are in better financial health than rumors have reported, the Mayor echoed Nick and stated the financial growth is encouraging
- Encouraging all to come to the hearing on April 7th to hear about the Avalonia/Bond property (700 acres off of Chesterfield Road) the town has the opportunity to be a part of. Voting will be on April 9th

III. New Business

- Shamrock Shakes
 - March 17th 3:00 – 5:00, 20th year of serving up the best shakes in town!
- March Madness
 - Healthy competition to teach the kids sportsmanship – foul shots, soccer shoot-out, and game of pool – medals for the winners will be awarded
- Ben & Jerry's
 - May 5th (time TBD), First Responders Mental Health Day, portion of the proceeds will be donated to CABLE for resources to support all first responders' mental health, the statistics are horrific

- New London Elks Presentation

- Thank you to the New London Elks for choosing us and acknowledging all the great work we do - \$750 will help us continue in that path!

- You Good, Bro?

- Billboards & Channel 3 – you may have seen the billboards around town, we extended out to Hartford area and it caught the attention of Channel 3, MYSB will be featured on “Good Day” with Scot Haney & Kara Sutherland – stay tuned!

- SEAT Bus – many sightings of our campaign on the back of the SEAT bus along Route 32, Groton, and Norwich

- Police Patch – working with Montville PD and designing a patch that will be for sale, proceeds will also go to CABLE for first responders’ mental health initiatives, call or stop by PD or MYSB in April to grab yours!

- 988 – National hotline with a live person to talk to 24/7/365

- SOR Grant

- State Opioid Grant, received \$5,000 and another possibly coming through which we will apply for

- Used for Narcan and QPR training – training youth

- Drug Take Back Day and giveaways (lock boxes for example)

- ALLI

- SERAC training middle school and high school students – 3 trainings this year and hope to do more next school year

- 7 schools participating – Montville has 6 middle school and 2 high school participating

- Learning about leadership, resiliency, peer relations, prevention, students are brainstorming sharing struggles and ideas

IV. Old Business

- Mental Health Van

- Wednesdays rotating schedule from 2:00pm – 3:00pm at Town Hall, Mohegan Fire, and Fair Oaks

- Two registered nurses – tick & mosquito-borne illness education, blood pressure screenings, syringe services, connection to care providers are some of the free services provided

- Pocket calendar giveaway with other services information and a reminder of where the van will be weekly

- BlueSky Wellness

- Virtual (for now) – substance misuse counseling, call MYSB for more information

- New Employees

- Hannah D. & Audrey F. are fantastic and such a great asset to our Afterschool Program and to the kids, our program is very busy

- Tower
 - Looking to get a grant, historic guidelines need to be followed
 - Only 700 of the same type of “Tin Man” towers were made

V. YAC (Youth Action Council) (Adam Sheridan & Josie English)

- Stall Street Journal
 - This month’s focus is on teen gambling, especially sports gambling (knockoff that the students came up with in the Stall Street Journal is “Wager Queen” as opposed to “Draft Kings” to show the kids statistics and examples of gambling)
 - Surveyed MHS students and most kids don’t recognize it as gambling, 1 in 3 students sports gamble
- Billboard going up on Maple Avenue
- Kim & SERAC representative set a table up at MHS during lunch waves for students to come up and learn about gambling, very successful with many students participating

VI. Good & Welfare

- Ryan Marshall Foundation donating to 2 Montville LAX families, so grateful for this opportunity

VII. MYDT (formally JRB) (Update Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)

- Cases
 - New cases coming in and a few more intakes this month
- New Name Change
 - Montville Youth Diversion Team, new practice/procedures manual, more restorative practice

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - Federal Opioid & SOR Grant – using it for many great initiatives
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - State – no chatter about cutting YSB budget
 - Local – Mayor will make his final proposal and then to Finance Committee

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

- Thursday, April 10, 2025 – 6:00pm Fair Oaks

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB