



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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April 10, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Tim Shanahan, Susan Rickards, Dan Boisvert, Loretta Drain, Brianne Messer

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Youth Liaison Adam Sheridan, MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier, Mayor Lenny Bunnell

Absent: William Carlos, Micah Messer, Town Council Liaison Councilman Nick Sabilia, Youth Liaison Josie English, Officer Karen Aleshire and Vouise Fonville

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence – Bylaws were last updated in 2014, Dan D., Dan B., and Barbara will meet soon to review
- Other Business to Report – No report

Mayor Bunnell – struggling with budget, trying not to make cuts with staff, more likely reductions from proposals

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Nick Sabilia)

- No Report

III. New Business

- Summer Center
 - Registration is May 12th beginning at 8:00 am, anticipating waiting list (kids are recruiting their friends), field trips are scheduled and activities are planned
- YSB Day at the Capitol
 - April 29th, bringing 6-7 students to the Capitol, interface with legislators, breakout – kids sharing information about their experience as far as attendance issues in schools and other school issues, Adam shared his positive experience as he attended twice
- Drug Take Back Day
 - April 26th, partnering with Montville PD 10:00am – 2:00pm, mailer going out with information about take back and the other side partnered with WPCA with about not flushing prescriptions or putting down the sink and other important info.

- Mental Health Mondays & Friday 5's
 - Mondays - sharing Mental Health information on our Facebook page, first post was about our You Good, Bro? campaign (a picture of our staff in our new t-shirts) about the mental health hotline 988
 - Fridays – 5 pictures weekly of our ASP kids showing the importance of ASPs
- Town App
 - Still in the works, no solid date when it will be up and running, replaces Everbridge, more cost efficient. Other towns use it with great success.
- You Good, Bro?
 - Channel 3 – will be here Monday for an interview
 - Summer Initiatives - SEAT Bus will be ongoing for May & June, lawn signs will be available to those who would like one and information on digital signs throughout town
 - Police Patch – will be on sale soon with proceeds to benefit all first responders, \$10 cash or \$11 Venmo police
 - White Board – stickers, hydration packets and other resources for respite rooms at schools

IV. Old Business

- SOR Grant
 - State Opioid Grant, received \$5,000, used for awareness, prevention and education
- ALLI
 - SERAC training middle school and high school students – 3 trainings this year and hope to do more next school year, next one is April 25th at Fair Oaks
 - 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
- BlueSky Wellness
 - Virtual (for now) – substance misuse counseling, referrals are coming in, call MYSB for more information or check out the website www.bsw-ct.com
- Tower
 - Working with new Finance Director for help with part of the grant process
- Ben & Jerry's
 - May 5, 2025 6:00 – 9:00pm, proceeds will go to CABLE for First Responders for mental health initiatives

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

- Stall Street Journal
 - Working on it and it will be out after spring break
- Gambling Grant Presentation
 - Presented how they spent the grant money, surveyed high school kids, billboard

VI. Good & Welfare

- No Report

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

- Cases
 - New cases coming in and getting a bit harder, issues in home, school, with peers, self-medicating, restorative process but held accountable
- New Name Change
 - Much better

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - Lots of little ones, some money directly from DMHAS
 - Barb is looking into Drug Free Communities
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - State – YSB funding still whole, 3.8 million divided between 104 YSBs
 - Local – under review

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

- Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 6:00pm Fair Oaks

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB