



# Montville Youth Advisory Board

## Minutes

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**May 8, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Fair Oaks**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Tim Shanahan, Dan Boisvert, Micah Messer, Brianne Messer, Officer Karen Aleshire

**Also Present:** MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier

**Absent:** Susan Rickards, William Carlos, Town Council Liaison Councilman Nick Sabilia, Youth Liaison Josie English, Youth Liaison Adam Sheridan, Loretta Drain, and Vouise Fonville

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

#### **I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)**

- Communications/Correspondence – Dan D., Dan B. and Barbara met to go over the Bylaws and only updated the Mission Statement, which will be sent out via email to the board
- Other Business to Report – No report

#### **II. Town Council Liaison Update (Nick Sabilia)**

- No Report

#### **III. New Business**

- Channel 3 Interview
  - Barb and Kim were interviewed about the importance of 988 (Mental Health Hotline) and our You Good, Bro? campaign. Also, highlighted the importance of Youth Service Bureaus and what we do
- Ben & Jerry's Fundraiser
  - Ben & Jerry's reached out to see if MYSB would like to participate in a fundraiser receiving 10% of the profits. MYSB staff, along with police officers from Montville PD and Mohegan Tribal Police, handed out information with mental health resources for all First Responders. Proceeds will go to CABLE (Connecticut Alliance to Benefit Law Enforcement)
- Penny Drive
  - Our Penny Drive has ended and all proceeds will benefit Montville Animal Control. Our fundraiser began with our Winter Wonderland and ended with our Penny Drive Play Day

- Youth Summit
  - On May 30<sup>th</sup> MYSB along with SERAC will be hosting a leadership program with the topic being youth issues and what's important to them

#### **IV. Old Business**

- Tower
  - Working with new Finance Director for help with part of the grant process which is due May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Summer Center
  - Registration – Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 spots for DCF and 35 regular spots (we added 5 more this year)
  - Police have the go ahead again this year to participate on field trips during their shift
- Drug Take Back Day
  - April 26<sup>th</sup> Detective Noyes, Kim and YAC collected 80 lbs of unused drugs, mailers were so helpful
- Mental Health Mondays & Friday 5's
  - Mondays - sharing Mental Health information on our Facebook page
  - 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?
  - Summer Initiatives – Already on SEAT Buses and continuing through May & June
  - Lawn signs - available to those who would like one
  - Police Patch – Available at MYSB or at Public Safety Building, proceeds to benefit all first responders, \$10 cash or \$11 Venmo to Montville Police Union
  - White Board – stickers, hydration packets and other resources for respite rooms at schools

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

- Stall Street Journal
  - Will be put up this week
- Mohegan Elementary SEL Night
  - Josie, Adam, Anastasia and other YAC kids brought information about Gizmo (Mental Health Therapy Dog)

#### **VI. Good & Welfare**

- State Representative Nick Menapace reached out to Barb wanting to highlight students she would like to nominate for their commitment to academics and sports. Barb nominated Josie and Adam who will be recognized at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting

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

- Cases
  - New cases coming in and getting a bit harder although today we had a nice success story

## **VIII. Other Business**

- Grants (State & Local)
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- Budgets (State & Local)
  - State – YSB funding still whole
  - Local – cuts are anticipated

## **X. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

## **XI. Next Meeting**

- Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 6:00pm Fair Oaks

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB