



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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September 12, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks

Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier, Youth Liaison Anastasia Schryver, Mayor Lenny Bunnell, Town Council Liaison Councilman Nick Sabilia

Absent: Youth Liaison Jason Sheridan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. - a moment of silence was observed for 9/11

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence – Dan B. asked if our By-laws are accessible on the Town's website – we will look into it
- Other Business to Report

II. Town Council Liaison Update Nick Sabilia & Mayor Lenny Bunnell

- State funding received for many upgrades around town
- Fair Oaks Community Center bathrooms back on the agenda
- Town app has been greatly received, please pass along QR code
- 9/11 moment of silence this morning through all departments & at Town Hall at 5:00

III. New Business

- Fall Mental Health Campaign
 - Sticking with our "You Good, Bro?" Campaign but tweaking it a bit for the Fall for the Military – Veteran's Mental Health Coffeehouse, Saturday, November 8th 9:00am to noon, Fair Oaks Community Center, 836 Old Colchester Road, Oakdale
 - Baker's Dozen will be donating coffee & doughnuts, looking for local businesses to sponsor t-shirts
 - Rally Point & SERAC from Norwich will attend
 - Billboard on Route 12 is up with the You Good, Bro? military theme
 - Reached out to our local VFW & American Legion, waiting to hear back from them
- ASP 2025-2026
 - Registration is on going and new participants sign up weekly.

- Staff Changes
 - Not fully staffed, Michelle accepted a job as a MSW, she will be missed & we wish her well
- Montville Community Booklet
 - The booklet is out, please take advantage of all the programs being offered by our town departments
- Benefit Concert
 - October 25th – Bryan Adams & Pat Benatar
 - \$150 cash or check includes light dinner, call the office for more info 860-848-7724
 - Half of the proceeds go to Camp Mystic in Texas devastated by this summer's flooding
- Debbie Abbey
 - Professional counselor with a 20-year public safety, crisis response, and mental health care background
 - Insurance accepted for Aetna and Husky
- Basket Raffle
 - We will once again be at the voting polling locations on November 4th
 - \$1 a ticket, around 10 baskets donated by MYSB parents and board members

IV. Old Business

- Summer Center
 - Another great summer, full with a very active crew
 - Cops came on the trips again which is always a nice way to build positive relationships with the kids
- Town App Update
 - Push notifications for road closures, emergencies, etc., Montville Town Department info, etc., really helpful with all the construction this summer
 - Signs around town with the QR code to sign up
- Tower
 - Looking for bigger sponsors (Rand Whitney, Tribe, Sam Petrowski & Dave Waddington)

V. YAC (Youth Action Council) (Anastasia Sheridan & Jason Sheridan)

- Stall Street Journal
 - New edition will be ready and up by October 1st
 - Topic: Mental Health & Social Media Safety
- ALLI
 - Begins in October and Jason Sheridan and Anastasia Schryver will be youth leaders for MYSB. Six middle school students will be attending as well
 - This year's theme will be "Stand Up, Stand Out"

- MYSB will be the host site – other towns include: Sterling, Griswold, Voluntown, Plainfield, North Stonington, and Canterbury

VI. Good & Welfare

- National Night Out
 - Huge success and such a great community event
 - Opioid funds were used and donations also to help run the event
- Bulbs for Bella
 - MYSB would like to plant bulbs on Fair Oaks grounds in memory of Bella Butzgy. Bella reached out to Barb back in the spring asking if she can beautify the property. She just earned her degree in Environmental Horticulture. Barb will be reaching out to the family to see if they would like to be included in the planting

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

- Cases
 - 13 cases open, updates from the schools or so helpful and important
 - Grant was renewed, usually around \$10,000

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - Fully funded (Cost sharing, enhancement & supplement)
 - SOR grant from SERAC also granted
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - State – YSB funding still whole
 - Local – Budget stands as submitted – Barb thanked the Mayor and Nick for the support

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

- Thursday, October 9, 2025 – 6:00pm Fair Oaks

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB