



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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November 13, 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, William Carlos

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

Absent: Loretta Drain & Vouise Fonville

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence
 - Dan congratulated Nick and Tim on their re-elections
- Other Business to Report
 - 2026 Meeting Dates were approved

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

- Nick reported that the council members were sworn in Monday night
- Mohegan Tribe hired a grant writer to help with development in town and the town is applying for grants for Camp Oakdale (splash pad, paved trail, ADA accessible, redo parking lots), more recreational activities
- Mayor Bunnell added lots of road work being done, the town App is great and helps to get all important information out to the community, hoping to have good attendance at the November 20th Community Event Engagement for Route 32 corridor

III. New Business

- Basket Raffle
 - Election Day kick off was a huge success, students along with staff sold tickets for \$1, drawing will be December 5th, ASP families, MYDT & MYAB donated baskets and so far, profits are over \$2,000
- Stocking Drive Gift Card Kick Off
 - We are at it again asking for \$10 gift cards or monetary donations so we can fill 200 stockings for teens during this holiday season. Walmart, Dunkin, 5 Below, etc. are places to purchase – collecting until December 15th
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- Bulbs for Bella
 - Planters are built and bulbs are planted, Fast Signs out of Waterford donated the sign, benches will be placed in dedication to all young lives that we have lost, everything will be boxed out and mulched, pergola will be added as well
- Community Event Engagement
 - November 20th looking for community members to participate in sharing their ideas for Route 32/163 development (town green, walking trails, etc.), pizza, water, and babysitting available
- Pie Baking Contest
 - November 18th, recruiting our families (at least 5), SERAC will be the judges this year
- Municipality Excellence Award
 - Barb entered our You Good, Bro? Mental Health Campaign and we were chosen! Presentation will be at Mohegan Sun and \$1,000 award will be used toward future mental health initiatives
- Food Collection
 - Collecting food to donate to Social Services – going with the new trend 6/7 we are hoping to collect 67 lbs. of food
- Letters for Santa
 - The mailbox will be at the Public Safety Building after Thanksgiving, all letters will be read and answered with a return letter. Parents - don't forget your return address!

IV. Old Business

- Mental Health Campaign
 - Veteran's Coffeehouse Update – sparsely attended, but felt the connections we made were well worth it, Vince Young was very instrumental on how we can succeed a bit more in the future
 - You Good, Bro? t-shirts for sale – Veteran's 988-1 hot line & You are Bigger than this Moment message on front and back
- You Good, Bro?
 - Next phase – how to respond after you ask the question, looking to train high school juniors and seniors in QPR (question, persuade, refer) & Narcan
 - Veteran's Day cards were made and signed with messages by our ASP kids and mailed to both VA hospitals
 - Sign going up on the Mohegan Pequot Bridge with the 988 number – already near hiking paths in town
- ASP Update
 - Busy, younger group this year, homework room in full swing and gym is always busy! Some challenges, but our team is great, and we are off to a great school year!
- Benefit Concert
 - Pat Benatar & Bryan Adams – such a great show, decent profit margin and half will be donated to Camp Mystic in Texas
- Lights on Afterschool
 - Always a great time for the kids, staff & PD – Officer Aleshire claims she is the new Donut eating champion (Detective Noyes blamed the wind for the reason she lost!), thank you to Bouvier team for the deep-fried Oreos

- Mystic Village
 - We were asked by Kerry Fennell (one of our former families) to create a scarecrow for the village so we did! We created a “You Good, Bro?” pumpkin head scarecrow and now our message was delivered out even farther (people loved it!)
- SOR
 - Two rounds at \$5,000 each – YAC will be using it for Opioid related projects

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

- Stall Street Journal
 - New edition will be ready in January (topic will be Refresh/Restart)
- ALLI
 - Partnership with SERAC – Next meeting is November 21st
 - Jason & Anastasia attended with other ALLI members from Montville, 9 different schools attended as well - ice breakers & leadership skills
- Middle School YAC
 - Working on social media (learning all about Canva)

VI. Good & Welfare

- MYSB received a donation from Sofia’s (Christmas shop)

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

- Cases
 - 3 new cases
 - Grant was renewed

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - Fully funded (Cost sharing, enhancement & supplement)
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - State – Legislative Breakfast in January
 - Local – Due soon (December)

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. – Happy Thanksgiving to all

XI. Next Meeting

- Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 6:00pm Fair Oaks

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB