



# Montville Youth Advisory Board

## Minutes

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**March 12, 2026**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Fair Oaks**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Tim Shanahan, Dan Boisvert, Brianne Messer, Susan Rickards, Officer Karen Aleshire, Loretta Drain, 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, Community Member Holly Gardner

**Absent:** William Carlos, Micah Messer, Youth Liaison Jason Sheridan

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

- Communications/Correspondence –
  - Dan reported the importance of having a quorum next month to vote on Chairperson, Co-Chairperson and substitute Secretary
- Other Business to Report
  - Thank you to Loretta for her time on the board & MYDT. She is retiring April 1<sup>st</sup> from DCF & her replacement will be Dineen Sanders

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

- Budget Season
  - Received a CIF Grant for 1.15 million for Camp Oakdale parking lot
  - Revitalization of Route 32 is ongoing, March 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 in Council Chambers to see what the survey results showed and hopefully a plan moving forward, very positive
  - Mayor reported – we now have a new town planner and new building official, working on other vacancies, tough budget season

### **III. New Business**

- Summer Center
  - Registration is May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am, participant is eligible if going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2026, expect to be full again this summer
  - Police will be attending on field trips days again
- ASP
  - Re-registration for current ASP participants will be early part of June, registration for new participants will begin at the end of June

- Mental Health Van
  - The new schedule will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month and now at one location - Mohegan Fire Company only, 11:00am – 1:00pm – more productive this way, vaccinations, testing, tick removal, clean needle exchange are some of the services they provide
- Penny Drive
  - We will be collecting Chapstick, winter socks, cash, Dunkin' gift cards, and all will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul at the end of May
- Lego STEM
  - MYSB received a grant from the Montville Education Foundation (MEF) and is using it towards learning through Legos – 7 weeks, 10 elementary students in the program, and they are loving it!!
- Shamrock Shakes
  - Rumor has it - Voted #1 in 2025!
  - March 17<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 4:30
- March Madness
  - 3 Fridays in March – 3:30 – 4:30 ASP participants will be competing in foul shots, 3 pointers, around the world, knockout and dunk shot/trick shot
  - Invited some basketball players from the high school to come over and join in along with coaches and Athletic Director

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

- No Report

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

- ALLI
  - Anastasia reported that ALLI met today and they worked on PSAs - they broke out into 4 different groups and were encouraged to come up with ads pertaining to mental health (signs of depression) the importance of the national hotline 988 (much faster connection than 211), underage drinking, etc. the ads will be on Spotify

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

- New London Elks donated \$850 which will be used towards the Gizmo curriculum. This is a softer approach using a dog to talk about feelings or suicidal thoughts

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

- Cases
  - Few open cases otherwise calm, not a bad thing!

#### **VIII. Other Business**

- Grants (State & Local)
  - Received the MEF Grant
- Budgets (State & Local)
  - State – YSB funding still whole – have not heard otherwise
  - Local – budget has been submitted and reviewed with Mayor, and it will be presented to Town Council in April

**X. Adjournment**

- MYSB Director asked everyone to stay after the meeting to check out the mental health resources that are available to them.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

**XI. Next Meeting**

- Thursday, April 9, 2026 6:00pm Fair Oaks

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB