



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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May 9, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Brianne Messer, Tim Shanahan, Susan Rickards, Dan Boisvert, William Carlos

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Town Council Liaison Councilman Nick Sabilia, Youth Liaisons Josie English and Adam Sheridan, MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier, Mayor Lenny Bunnell, Micah Messer

Absent: Vouise Fonville, Officer Karen Aleshire, Loretta Drain

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

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence
 - Board members status – Sheelagh resigning, Micah will be appointed at the next Town Council meeting, Vouise needs to reapply as a community member since no longer DCF rep
- Other Business to Report

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Nick Sabilia)

- No report

III. New Business

- Summer Center
 - Registration Monday, May 13th 8:00am, 30 spots available plus 5 DCF spots, 1 new hire (Gavin Delucia) and unfortunately, we are losing Michaela MacCracken
- Mental Health Monday at Ben & Jerrys
 - Monday, May 27th 6-9pm we will be scooping ice cream and promoting mental health awareness, MYSB will receive 10% of the sales, everyone is invited to come join us for some ice cream!
- Mental Health Fridays
 - Kim will be at the high school setting up a table with mental health giveaways, mental health awareness materials and QR code for resources

IV. Old Business

- SERAC
 - Mental Health trainings – all free
 - Wednesday, May 15th Sara Wilkinson 1-2pm zoom, Changing the narrative and number of veteran suicides, anyone can register
 - QPR, Narcan, Mental Health and First Aid, Gambling, etc. trainings are free and will come to your place of employment and schools
 - Registration is easy – www.seracct.org

- LADC
 - Still looking for a drug and alcohol counselor which is very hard to find
 - Project Courage contract will continue throughout this summer

- Tower Project
 - Next meeting will be May 15th, moving quickly
 - Dave Waddington & GHP, LLC is picking up the cost for the engineering and lead paint testing
 - Penny Drive money will be used for beautification of surrounding area and possibly a ceremony
 - May ask community input for what to put on the tower
 - Jon Chase (Town Historian) looking into the history of the tower

- YSB Day at the Capitol
 - April 24th – 178 people attended
 - MYSB attended with 6 students
 - Josie sat on the interactive panel with students from other towns and state representatives – Youth Empowerment
 - Josie added – best “Day at the Capitol” very youth focused and loved that it was interactive

- Suicide Prevention 988 Signs
 - Signs are up at different locations around town at trails & Conservation Center – 15% of suicides happen in parks
 - QR code for different resources
 - Waiting for DOT approval to for the Mohegan Pequot Bridge placement
 - Kudos to Public Work’s Director John Carlson for getting the job done quickly

- Montville Community Booklet
 - Spring/Summer booklet was mailed out May 2

- Drug Take Back Day
 - Kim, Barb, Detective Noyes along with students collected 117.5 lbs of prescription drugs – huge success
 - Everyone who dropped off drugs was given a lock box for safer containment

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

- Reiterated about YSB Day at the Capitol
- Repainting the crosswalk at Fair Oaks
- Excited to see that the daffodils that were planted came up
- Great conversation about energy drinks and the amount of kids who rely on them. 40% of athletes who were surveyed think that energy drinks are ok to drink and 27% of them drink them daily

VI. Good & Welfare

- \$500 check received from a community member to send a teen to our summer camp

VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)

- Cases
 - Very busy! Referrals come in weekly
 - Behaviors (fighting – very aggressive) are escalating
 - Barry (Juvenile Court) added that he is seeing more 12-year olds than ever – anger & aggression

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - JRB/LIST grants – will find out soon if awarded
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - YSB funding is whole – another 2 million which is in DCF budget earmarked for all YSBs to split but not sure what that looks like yet

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Susan R. 1st, Dan B. 2nd
Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

- Thursday, June 13, 2024 – 6:00pm Fair Oaks

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB