

Litchfield Prevention Council

Zoom Info Attached

Regular Meeting Minutes

Bantam Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT. 06750

August 12, 2025

Call to Order: 07:00 PM

Attendance: Gary Waugh, Kerry Burns, Tim Angevine, Caroline Wilcox, Jill Johnson, Maryann Poinelli, Lindsay Benicewicz, Matt Dyer, Emma Johnson Hollis, Jessica Grant

School Liaison Report:

Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2025

Public Comment:

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$10,959.66

Correspondence:

Old Business

"Screenagers" showing at Owl and discussion, June 12, 2025 showing at Plumb Hill MS

- 25-30 parents, great turnout – parents were engaged and asked a lot of questions. Set the stage for us to do additional work with the group
- Plumb Hill MS principal shared the movie with the entire school population (300+ students) – is instituting a no cell phones for 6th graders rule, plans in place so kids don't *need* to have it

Panel on Social Media/Internet Use at OWL, May 27, 2025, Partnership with Plumb Hill PTO

Presentations with Rich Marsh on Internet Safety at Plumb Hill MS, approval for fall 2025, costs for student and evening parent presentations = \$600

- Includes 3 student performances, one for each grade, and a night-time session with parents
- Kerry moved, Jill seconded, unanimous approval to spend \$600

Follow Up Meeting in June 2025 between Julie Haggard and Kathy Hanley on plans for WCC doing educational and counseling roles for academic year 2025-26

- Gary will attend and explore ways we can offer counseling and educational services (mostly based on vaping)

Family Game Night in May with 35 participants, no pizza truck for July festival

- Being asked to support 3 family game nights at the community center

Jessica Grant's wellness Fair on July 5, 2025, recap of interactions, potential new members

- Huge success, we're able to recruit some new members
- Gap in our community for coming together, everyone left feeling fulfilled

Co-sponsoring End of Summer Event with Litchfield Park and Rec, August 14, 2025 at 6 PM, again volunteers needed at table, deposit of \$1750 made to Town of Litchfield in May

- Gary will attend, Emma, Kerry hoping to attend as well
- Emma will try to get new trifold flyers printed

New Business

Presentation on Vaping at OWL in fall of 2025, approved. Kathy Hanley of WCC will lead the discussion. Thanks to Caroline Wilcox Urgulu for her part in getting this approved.

- October 14 or 16

Formal renewal of Doug Clement's Contract for Internet Postings as tentatively approved in May meeting

- Gary met with Doug on August 8 – proposing to continue the \$1,500 contract and increase as needed dependent on events throughout the year

School Liaison Position, are we willing to fund it?

- Unsure as of yet

Ideas for Scarecrow in the Meadow, Chef or Doctor Bob and his dog Gizmo, creative help needed

Support for Suicide Prevention Walk in the fall, the Coordinator, Janet Dember, might be able to join us for a meeting before then

- Plan to contribute funds again this year

Co-Programming with WAMOGO Prevention Council

Program Ideas for Next Year?

Vacancies on the LPC, suggestions for new members?

Adjourned 08:26 Kerry moved, Jill seconded, unanimous approval