

Litchfield Prevention Council

Zoom Info Attached

Special Meeting Minutes

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

November 18, 2025, 7:00pm

Call to Order:

Attendance: Gary Waugh, Kerry Burns, Caroline Wilcox Urgulu, Maryann Poinelli, Jackie Tiul

Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2025

Public Comment:

Treasurer's Report:

Correspondence:

New Business

Student group from Region 20 will present health and wellness issues evident in their school community.

- Debate club could help inspire civil discourse, help kids become more informed about the things they're passionate or feel strongly about – will want to involve more individuals/organizations, will also need funding
- Looking for \$1,019 to help get them started (LPC to discuss what amount we are able to provide to the students) – Gary also recommended Litchfield Health & Wellness to seek out some of their funding
- Looking to build a community and help foster connection
- LPC to provide \$500, and will also connect them with Debbie Dove/Litchfield Health & Wellness and provide some other suggestions for how to obtain the other half of the funding they need

Review of the film "The Last Drop" shown at the Warner last week. Caroline Wilcox/Ugurlu will present how the film relates to our mission and the potential for its showing in our community

- Film was very moving, showed well how confusing abusive relationships are and how quickly it can snowball

- Some pieces can be removed from the film depending on audience – would want someone from high school/middle school to review and determine specific inclusions/exclusions
- Important to keep in mind that support staff would be desired for those who are triggered by content
- Gary to write to Julie Haggard to see if she will view the film in tandem with support and see if she would be willing to bring into the school

Discuss support for PTO event

- Bingo event December 12, kids and parents, 15 minute interval bingo calling (no phones!), estimating ~120 folks
- Looking for \$175-200 support from LPC

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Presentation on Vaping/Marijuana Use among Adolescents, at OWL on October 16, 2025. Potential for Faculty PD in Region 20.

- Very informative, pragmatic, folks seemed to get a lot out of it. Julie Haggard came at the end and wants to bring it to the high school

Review of Doctor Bob and his dog Gizmo our entry for Scarecrows in the Meadow, share photos. Sponsorship Donation to Litchfield Historical Society = \$200.

Reimbursed Gary for costs of creating the scarecrow = \$236.61. Doug Clement posted a story on Facebook, picked up by Frens of Gizmo site.

Review of AFSP “Out of Darkness” Suicide Prevention Walk at White Memorial on October 25, 2025

- Gary wrote to Janet and thanked her after receiving a thank you from her for our donation
- Great turnout of both adults and kids at the event this year

We joined join with PTOs in the Region to share costs for a website/newsletter that will bring us exposure in all 4 communities, especially with the school parental population, Costs=\$275.

Grant application for WCC submitted, funds distributed.

Adjournment