

# Litchfield Prevention Council Meeting Minutes

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

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7 PM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
2. **Attendance:** Gary Waugh, Caroline Wilcox Ugurlu, and MaryAnn Poinelli
3. **Minutes from March 10, 2026** were approved (Motion: Wilcox Ugurlu, Second: Poinelli)
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Currently the Council has approximately \$30,000.
5. **Old Business:**
  - Reviewed the Debate Club grant for Problem Gambling. – We're still working with the Debate Club advisor on how to implement the survey (as required by the grant) with students and adults (possibly teachers and parents).
  - Regarding the movie "The Last Drop"
    - a. Reviewed the movie viewing on April 28 at OWL. – Attendance was not as robust as hoped. However, it's a difficult subject. Participants praised the movie and appreciated the opportunity to view it.
    - b. Discussed current work to schedule the film at Plumb Hill Middle School. - It's possible that a modified/abbreviated version of the film will be shown as part of the health curriculum next school year.
  - Reviewed "Uprooting Addiction" movie viewing at Bantam Cinema on April 28 and discussed our possible role going forward. - The film was well attended and well received. Participants appreciated the opportunity to view it.
  - Discussed the meeting with the Region 20 School Superintendent and Director of Student Services on March 11. - The meeting was positive, productive and we look forward to additional opportunities to share information and collaborate.
  - Reviewed the "The Amazing Generation" community book read/discussion event at OWL with middle school students and their parents on March 31. The event was very well received and very well attended. There was lots of participation by all.
  - Discussed the work being done regarding bringing "The Stacked Deck" curriculum to Lakeview HS. Details TBD.
6. **New Business:**
  - We're waiting to hear from representatives at Center School regarding the possibility of bringing Chris Poulos' Anti-Bullying Program to the school.
  - We're looking to bring the book "The Digital Delusion" as the next text in our "Social Media Series" at OWL. Details TBD.
  - We hope to continue to co-sponsor Family Game Nights at the Litchfield Community Center. Gary will explore the possibilities.
  - We hope to host information tables at both the Wellness Festival at Community Field (June 27<sup>th</sup>) and the Summer Concert Series. Details TBD.
  - We hope to sponsor Narcan training for Lakeview HS students and community members. Details TBD.
  - We discussed the possibility of establishing a memorial bench to honor the tremendous contributions of Jackie Tiul to our community. Gary will continue his research on pricing, possible locations for the bench, etc.
  - We discussed the possibility of sponsoring a viewing of the documentary movie "Upstanders" re. bullying and suicide prevention at the high school and, at the same time, offering an age-appropriate event at the middle school.
  - On August 29<sup>th</sup> the Council will cosponsor a panel of literacy experts to discuss the book "Hopeville" and issues around literacy at OWL. An event for children/youth will also be held.
  - We also discussed the possibility of supporting the use of the "Powered Up" curriculum and "Gambling isn't my game."
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM