

Litchfield Prevention Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Call in Number: 860 689-2787

Attendance: Gary Waugh, Kerry Burns, Jill Johnson, MaryAnn Poinelli, Caroline Wilcox Ugurlu, Tim Angevine

Call to Order: 07:00 PM

Visitors: Rochelle Clementson, Tiffany Parkhouse

Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2026: Kerry moved, Gary seconded, unanimous approval

Public Comment

Treasurer's Report: as of end of June, \$27,485.81 (includes money from Wamogo prevention council)

Correspondence:

Old Business

Progress on Debate Club article by Doug Clement on Website

- Doug has interviewed the kids and hoping to branch out to the individuals who helped get them started, and will publish when it's complete

Update of Stacked Deck Curriculum at Lakeview HS, Interview with Jeff McKenna

- Jeff pursuing an interview with someone at the high school in June, no update yet

Status of Scott Driscoll's presentations on Internet Safety at Region 20 School

- Scheduled for October 5 and 6 for all Region 20 schools

Status of Chris Polos Anti-Bullying Program at Region 20 Schools

- Scheduled for September 11 and 12 – we are funding half, PTO funds the rest

Showing of "Hopeville" film on 8/29/2026 at OWL, our role, funding?

- Dr. Villar, filmmaker, a parent, and two reading specialists will be on the panel, Caroline moderating, and there will also be a puppet show (covered by Prevention Council). Vote for \$450 to fund puppet show – Caroline moved, Jill seconded, unanimous approval

Update on continuing Family Game Nights at LCC

- Gary asked Community Center to reserve three dates for us, will follow up for an update. Roughly \$1,000 for the year. MaryAnn suggested having Gizmo handouts and other family centric handouts at the events

Review of Community Health Fair Table on 6/27/2026, Notes by Gary and Jessica

- Great turnout and exposure for LPC – we helped connect a lot of folks both with prevention and treatment resources

Narcan Training for Junior Firefighters, discussions with Frank VanOrmer – Status

- Waiting on a date, there's been approval to train the Junior Firefighters – Emma has someone on the WCTC who has trained local firefighters and is willing to do the training for the juniors. The Junior Firefighters will be trained to train others

Update on Ordering Bench to honor Jackie Tiul

- Received the ok from Emma to use some of our WCTC funds towards Jackie's bench. 6ft trex bench is \$890-940 total, including shipping. ~\$700 for a plaque. Need to spend WCTC funds by September 1. Vote to spend up to \$1,500 on bench and related supplies – Jill moved, Kerry seconded, unanimous approval.

New Business

Review of past year accomplishments and financial status

- Want to keep the momentum we built this year, for next year. Game nights, in-school events, stacked deck curriculum, Scarecrows in the Meadow, local community events.

Support for fall events: AFSP Walk at White Memorial, LHS Scarecrows in the Meadow

- Janet Dember reached out to Gary – walk will be October 17, 10AM at White Memorial field. Vote to donate \$500 – Gary moved, Caroline seconded, unanimous approval. Want to expand scarecrows to two additional friends of Gizmo – Kerry has volunteered to make one additional dog.

Meeting with Dr. Villar to plan next year

- Going to set up meeting to work on third assembly planning and a survey done, using the same cultural survey Shepaug did, not the attitudes and behavior survey

New Members needed to replace Jackie and Matt, ideas?

- We have two openings on LPC, and more on WPC if folks are interested

Programs for Region 20 Staff run by WCC

- Covered above

Expanding outreach in venues, libraries, community centers, etc. in Region 20 communities

- Trying to reach out to other libraries in Warren, Goshen, and Morris to build up the community and have more impact in the wider Region 20 area, not just Litchfield

Renewal of Doug Clement's Media/Website Updates Contract

- Vote to renew Doug's contract \$1,500 annually – Kerry moved, Caroline seconded, unanimous approval

Additional program suggestions from LPC/WPC members

- Project Blackbird – NAMI provides one year of free counseling to all students who see the panel – not sure of cost, Jill's son looking to bring to UCONN, thinks it may be good for us to look into

Gary met with Emma to purchase a new banner to combine LPC and WPC

- 'Promoting healthy communities together' agreed as our new slogan

WCTC will pay for us to have a Zoom account to make meeting easier

- Kerry and Caroline to manage

Adjournment – Kerry moved, Gary seconded, unanimous approval to end at 08:25PM