

**Litchfield Prevention Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**St. Anthony of Padua, Litchfield**  
**December 14, 2021 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** G. Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

**Present:** G. Waugh, B. Berson, J. Makuc, C. Kinkade

**Also present:** Emma Johnson-Hollis, Tianna Lee, Conor Burke, Matt Dyer

**Excused:** J. Johnson, J. Tiul

**Absent:**

**Appointment of Alternates:** None

**School Liaison Report:** Tianna Lee from LPS reported that she spoke with Dr. Pascento and they discussed getting the PTO, LEF, and LPC together to come up with ideas for the schools. After school activities such as games, movie nights, sledding, and a video game night would be great to explore. Perhaps planning a short presentation on a mental health topic, etc during the activity is something to consider. Additionally, mentorship, a youth council, student groups are all topics to keep in mind moving forward. Members discussed having Narcan in schools and training more people on how to use it.

**Law Enforcement Report:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed. B. Berson moved to approve the minutes with no changes, seconded by J. Makuc. All ayes, motion passed. Minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed. B. Berson moved to approve the minutes with no changes, seconded by J. Makuc. All ayes, motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Treasurer Report:** Not available at this meeting.

**Correspondence:**

- First Selectman Denise Raap emailed to share that she is advocating to allocate \$30,000 from the American Rescue Plan monies to be used for mental health resources over the next four years.

**Old Business:**

UpRooting Addiction Event Update – B. Berson handed out flyers to post around town and provided a draft of a mailer to go out in the beginning of January. C. Kinkade offered to help with registration for the event using the Park and Rec website to have people sign up to attend. Members also discussed using a QR code on the mailer and advertising on WZBG.

Family Game Night Update – G. Waugh reported that J. Tiul has been told by many who attend how important these nights are for them. The next Family Game Night is being planned for January and will include outdoor games.

Updated By-Laws Review – \*\*\*\*MOTION: B. Berson moved to accept the by-laws as revised, seconded by J. Makuc. All ayes, motion passed.\*\*\*\* J. Makuc will contact First Selectman Denise Raap about having the town attorney review the by-laws to be sure there is nothing that conflicts with any statutes.

Continued Recording Secretary Search – G. Waugh suggested hiring a temp agency to find someone. B. Berson suggested G. Waugh contact Barbara Putnam to see if she is interested.

Law Enforcement Report Status – J. Makuc heard from Trooper Stephanie Cortes asking about the possibility of doing a Zoom from the meeting. C. Kinkade will help with the link set up with several days notice.

Social Hosting Laws – Members discussed sending information about this out through the school system to parents possibly at spring break time or graduation. Members also discussed project graduation nights.

### **New Business:**

2022 Meeting Dates – \*\*\*\*MOTION: B. Berson moved to accept the 2022 meeting dates as follows: January 11, February 8, March 8, May 10, June 14, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13, seconded by J. Makuc. All ayes, motion passed.\*\*\*\* J. Makuc will check with St. Anthony's to be sure LPC can continue to use the church basement for these meetings and then give the 2022 schedule to Lisa Losee.

New Member Discussion – G. Waugh introduced Matt Dyer who is an attorney and has many clients who misuse substances. He expressed interest in prevention and uprooting these issues before getting involved with the criminal justice system and before it turns to a crisis. He may be interested in joining the Prevention Council. B. Berson added that when thinking about recruitment LPC members should go on the radio with a personal detail about themselves as to why they joined the Prevention Council. There was discussion about the importance of personal connections for increasing visibility and helping people.

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

### **Adjournment:**

B. Berson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10, J. Makuc seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by J. Makuc, Secretary

[Gary M. Waugh](#)

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Gary Waugh, Chairman

Next meeting will be January 11, 2022