

## **Litchfield Prevention Council**

### **Draft Meeting Minutes**

Bantam Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam and on Zoom  
June 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**Members Present:** Gary Waugh, Chair, Jill Johnson, Treasurer, Jaime Makuc (on Zoom), Secretary, Maria Ziello, Co-Vice Chair, Jacqueline Tiul, Matt Dyer (on Zoom), Priscilla Jeffery, Co-Vice Chair

**Others Present (on Zoom):** Emma Johnson-Hollis, CT Coalition, Barbara Putnam, Recording Secretary

**Members Absent:** Colleen Kinkade

Gary Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**School Liaison Report:** none

**Law Enforcement Liaison Report:** none

**Approval of Minutes from 5/9/23:** Jill Johnson made and Maria Ziello seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as emailed out with the agenda. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Jill reported that she has not updated our bank balance of \$18,773.71 and has written a \$300 check for a second box of books from Matt.

**Correspondence:** Will be addressed with the relevant agenda items.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Election of officers:**

Jill made and Priscilla seconded a motion to adopt the following slate of officers:

Gary Waugh, Chair

Priscilla Jeffery and Maria Ziello – Co Vice-Chairs

Jill Johnson – Treasurer

Jaime Makuc – Secretary

All voted in favor and the motion carried. Officers are reminded to visit the Town Clerk's office to be sworn in.

- **Update on the bench in memory of Bob Berson:** Emma Hollis's dad will install the plaque on the bench before he delivers it. Gary will get it to him. Two possible dates are September 22 and October 6. Gary will follow up to get the school to decide on a date.
- **Report on website design:** The email address will be included, but not the PO Box. Gary will talk to Denise about what's involved in having the Council's mailing address be the Town's PO Box 488. A drop-down menu of healthy activities including a list of

resources, including AA and NA meetings, categories that include gambling, events, current news articles, and events sponsored by other groups such as Greenwoods, White Memorial and the Community Center will be included. Harmony Tanguay will keep it up to date at an hourly fee of \$40.

- **Stacked Deck Gambling Curriculum:** Gary attended a Region 5 event on 6/7. Emma Hollis reported that Andrew Grigorio at the Western CT Coalition is coming on board and will be available to visit the schools and the community. There was discussion about how easy it is for kids to gamble with their cell phones, and how broadcasts of sports games advertise gambling sites. Emma described a drop-in center in Waterbury, CCAR that offers connections to NA, AA, resume writing, and the Health District. They have a van that can travel to other sites. Legislation is being proposed to prevent colleges from sharing their students' contact information with gambling companies. They currently profit from this.
- **Discuss Scarlett Lewis event** planned for the fall of 2023: An evening event on 9/20/23 will take place at the Community Center. Plans for a daytime event and its funding are not yet fixed. Funding from the Wamogo Prevention Council, the Regional Schools, and local banks and foundations were mentioned. Tim Angevine is planning to meet with Chris Leone about getting support from the schools.
- **Discuss Matt Bellace Presentation** – We have 60 books for the 58 graduating seniors. Members will stay after the meeting to affix a sticker in each one. They will be given to the seniors at their rehearsal on Friday morning. A fall date for him to come speak is not yet decided on.

#### **New Business:**

- **Eighth Grade moving up ceremony** - Matt made and Maria seconded a motion to fund the hot dog cart at \$475. We will have our banner, our bling, and an email to parents about who we are and what we do.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.