



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Social Services Board Meeting Minutes - Final

Chair
Mikayla Bozym

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

5:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88639087126?pwd=3nzdv1252lrbWx9gOg5ks332lFKdJ.1>
Meeting ID: 886 3908 7126 Passcode: 935944 • +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bozym called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall Annex Building.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Board Member Heather Shipley
Board Member Maria Nott
Board Member Mikayla E. Bozym
Board Member Tricia Marcek
Board Member Jacqueline Kapusta
Board Member Stephanie Bacon

In addition, the following were present:
Kristen Chapman - Social Services Coordinator

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None

IV. MEMBER COMMENTS

None

V. REPORTS

1. Social Services Report

Report for Ledyard Social Services
January - March 2025

Food Pantry Statistics

	Unduplicated People	Unduplicated Households	Total Visits
July	122	57	94
Aug	122	50	90
Sep	128	55	83
Oct	152	62	106
Nov	150	62	92
Dec	126	53	72
Jan	165	64	105
Feb	126	53	72
Mar	130	54	92
Apr*	43	21	21
May			
Jun			
YTD			830

Referrals (January - March 2025)

- 211 - 2
- LICEAF - 5
- State Department of Social Services - 5
- TVCCA - 0
- Veteran Representative - 1
- Other - 1

Social Services Account Balances

- Linda C. Davis Food Pantry - \$90,743.47
- Parks & Rec Camp Scholarships - \$1531.00
- Parks & Recreation Scholarships ARPA - \$10,000.00
- S.S. Miscellaneous Assistance - \$3109.68

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. MOTION** to approve the Social Services Board Organizational Meeting (Special Meeting) minutes of January 21, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED
MOVER: Heather Shipley
SECONDER: Maria Nott

AYE 6 Shipley Nott Bozym Marcek Kapusta Bacon

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Any Old Business proper to come before the Board.

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Linda C. Davis Food Pantry Update

Ms. Chapman shared updates regarding food pantry operations. Ms. Chapman noted that due to recent cuts from the federal government to the TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) CT Foodshare is experiencing challenges in sourcing food. Ms. Marcek added that they have been unable to order from CT Foodshare for the past few weeks due to limited offerings and the inability to reach the 500 lb minimum for delivery. Ms. Chapman highlighted the pantry's community support and efforts to maintain eligibility with CT Foodshare. Ms. Kapusta inquired about partnerships with schools to organize food drives. Ms. Chapman confirmed that the schools do participate in such drives, particularly at the high school and middle school levels.

2. Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Scholarships

The Committee discussed an upcoming fundraiser for the Parks & Recreation scholarship fund. The fundraiser will take place at Barkin Barley on Sunday May 4th. Ms. Chapman will share the link for people to sign up for the Taco Cookoff and encouraged board members to participate and encourage others to register. Ms. Shipley offered to provide some decorations for the event. Ms. Chapman will provide the folding tables, utensils and voting forms. All board members were encouraged to share the event on Facebook and promote attendance.

*Post Meeting Note - The Barkin Barley Taco Cook Off Fundraiser was cancelled due to lack of registrations.

Ms. Chapman discussed the need for more fundraising efforts for the Parks & Recreation Scholarship Fund. Ms. Chapman added when the \$10,000 allocated from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds are depleted there is currently a balance of \$1500 in the scholarship fund. Ms. Chapman encouraged the board to brainstorm new fundraising efforts.

3. Any New Business proper to come before the Board.

Ms. Chapman shared that Social Services will have a booth at the August 13th Farmer's Market to collect school supplies. The next Social Services Board meeting will be held on July 15, 2025.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Shipley moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Nott

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.
VOTE: 6-0 Approved and so declared

Respectively Submitted,

Chairman Bozym
Social Services Board