



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Social Services Board Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

Chair
Mikayla Bozym

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

5:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bozym called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Board Member Heather Shipley
Board Member Maria Nott
Board Member Mikayla E. Bozym
Board Member Jacqueline Kapusta
Board Member Stephanie Bacon
Board Member Colleen Lauer

Excused Board Member Tricia Marcek

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

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Report for Ledyard Social Services
July - September 2025

Food Pantry Statistics

People	Households	Total Visits	
July	128	55	87
Aug	121	50	79
Sept	119	50	76
Oct	-	-	-
Nov	-	-	-
Dec	-	-	-
Jan	-	-	-
Feb	-	-	-
Mar	-	-	-
Apr	-	-	-
May	-	-	-
June	-	-	-
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Referrals (July - September 2025)

- 211 - 4
- Elder Protective Services - 1
- LICEAF - 5
- State Department of Social Services - 2
- TVCCA Energy - 5
- Veteran Representative - 1
- Other - 0

Social Services Account Balances

- Linda C. Davis Food Pantry - \$107,511.19
- Parks & Rec Camp Scholarships - \$2,200.00
- Parks & Recreation Scholarships ARPA - \$4,180.00
- S.S. Miscellaneous Assistance - \$1020.59

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the Social Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Colleen Lauer

SECONDER: Maria Nott

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VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Linda C. Davis Food Pantry Update

Ms. Chapman provided an update on food pantry operations. Ms. Chapman and Ms. Marcek attended a session at Three Rivers hosted by CT Foodshare. This was an opportunity for local pantries to come together and share comments, challenges and best practices.

Ms. Chapman informed the Board that the pantry is providing food to any household effected by the Government shut down. Those households do not need to register but are required to answer two questions verbally to meet TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) guidelines to confirm CT residency. Information has been shared via social media to inform residents that food is available to those in need due to the shutdown.

2. "A Splash of Autumn" Fall Festival Fundraiser

Ms. Chapman shared an update on the Fall Festival fundraiser for summer camp scholarships. It was a beautiful day for the event. The event kicked off with a color run that had around 30 runners and was the first run that Park & Rec has put on using the new multi-use pathway as a the route and it went very well. We are hoping for more runners next year. Ms. Chapman added there is a great photo from the start of the run that will be used next year for the Fall Events magazine cover to promote the event. Unfortunately, the food truck canceled at the last minute. Guests were informed that food options were available at Valentino's and Lucille's Cafe. Park & Rec will consider asking the Boy Scouts or Rotary to provide food next year. The event has 20 vendors and there was a nice flow of guests throughout the day, the vendors seems happy with the turnout. Approximately \$1000 was raised towards the scholarship fund account and it was very successful for a first annual event.

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

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Holiday Programs 2025

Ms. Chapman provided an update on the holiday programs. Registration has opened and information is available on the Town's website. An email blast was sent to all current clients and information has been provided via social media. Ms. Chapman added that they have been provided with 28 turkeys through CT Foodshare along with potatoes, onions and squash. Turkey breasts have been ordered through Village Market. The Stuff-A-Cruiser dates are Saturday, November 22nd and Saturday, December 13th. Community members can purchase a bag of fixings at Village Market for \$20. The food pantry has gathered and/or purchased other items to add to the holiday meal bags. For the Christmas Holiday, guests are provided a \$20 gift card in addition to the fixings to purchase a protein of choice for their holiday.

Ms. Chapman discussed the Adopt-A-Family program stating that households provide a wish list with two wishes under \$25 along with some likes for each child. Gifts are also collected during the Gales Ferry and Ledyard Fire Companies Santa Runs and parents/guradians are welcome to shop for 4-5 additional gifts per child.

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

TVCCA Energy Applications are open. Residents may book appointments in person with Social Services. Fuel deliveries being November 3, 2025.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0 Approved and so declared

Respectively Submitted,

Chairman Bozym
Social Services Board

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