



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## Youth & Social Services Board

### Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman  
Mikayla Bozym

#### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, May 16, 2023

5:00 PM

Annex Meeting Room - Hybrid  
Format

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#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bozym called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. at the Meeting Room, Town Hall Annex Building.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present**    Community-at-Large Representative Maria Nott  
                  Community-at-Large Representative Charlene Rand  
                  Chairman Mikayla E. Bozym  
                  Private Youth Agency Representative Lisa Smith  
                  Under Age 21 Representative Mackenzie Hope  
                  School System Representative Heather Shipley  
**Excused**    Police Department Representative Dan Grimm

In addition, the following were present:  
Kristen Chapman, Social Services Coordinator  
Naomi Rodriguez, Town Councilor

#### III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None

#### IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Bozym stated that the Town's Veteran representative will present at the July meeting. Ms. Bozym requested additional ideas Youth & Social Service related presentations. Ms. Chapman suggested inviting a representative from TVCCA (Thames Valley Council for Community Action) to come speak about the programs and services the agency provides. Ms. Bozym stated

that Child & Family Agency is expanding into the Ledyard School system with school based health centers. Ms. Bozym will reach out to Tanya Wenke.

**V. MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**VI. REPORTS**

**1. Youth Services Report May 2023**

**Youth & Social Services**

**Report for Ledyard Youth Services**

May 5, 2023

**JRB (Juvenile Review Board): 4 open cases**

April: 1 intake

May: 2 reviews

**Truancy:**

No cases

**Counseling:**

**Case Load Summary**

Kate- 19

Sara-9

Allison-13

Joanne-11

LPC-13 families

**Total families:** 65 active cases

**Intakes to be scheduled:** 4

**Groups:**

No groups running currently.

**New Interns:**

Three URI interns started the week of April 15th. The last week for the current interns was April 29th.

We will possibly have another intern starting August 2023.

Ms. Smith commented that the case load is very impressive and commended Ms. Sikorski whom was not present at the meeting on attracting interns to provide counseling services as clinicians are hard to come by at this time.

**2. Social Services Report March/April 2023**

**Social Services Report**

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March/April 2023

**Food Pantry Statistics**

March 2023

Total Client Visits - 92

Total # of Eligible Clients Served - 122

Unduplicated Households Served - 61

April 2023

Total Client Visits - 96

Total # of Eligible Clients Served - 137

Unduplicated Households Served - 61

Total New Clients March - 3

Total New Clients April - 4

Total New Clients 2023 YTD - 9

**Referrals** - March/April 2023

CT State Department of Social Services (Norwich Office) - 2

Elder Protective Services - 1

LICEAF - 2

Salvation Army Funds - 4

TVCCA Energy - 0

TVCCA Other - 3

211 - 3

**Social Services Account Balances**

Linda C. Davis Food Pantry - 105,857.04

LYS Enrichment Grant - Parks & Rec Scholarships - \$1657.32

LYS Enrichment Grant - Parks & Recreation Scholarships ARPA - \$5643.75

Miscellaneous Assistance - \$6261.25

Ms. Chapman shared that she has been able to take care of end of season fuel requests through \$3500 in Salvation Army funds that are provided to the Ledyard Service Unit each year. To date, Ms. Chapman has assisted four Social Service clients with fuel deliveries through the use of these funds. These clients receiving fuel through Salvation Army funds have exhausted all available funds through TVCCA. Ms. Chapman stated that although fuel deliveries are over through TVCCA, residents can still apply for assistance with their Eversource bill and may be eligible for a credit to their Eversource account.

Ms. Chapman elaborated on the TVCCA Other category within Referrals. Ms. Chapman stated that she refers clients to TVCCA for services that are not provided through the town, such as child care, housing, eviction and case management.

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MOTION to approve the Youth & Social Services Board regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2023

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Heather Shipley

**SECONDER:** Charlene Rand

**AYE** 6 Nott Rand Bozym Smith Hope Shipley

**EXCUSED** 1 Grimm

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Scholarships

Ms. Chapman stated to date five scholarships in the amount of \$2,268.75 have been awarded. Ms. Chapman sought ideas for other fundraising opportunities or events that could be held for this program. Ms. Chapman is concerned about the balance of funds as people are not as aware of this program and has not received any donations this year. Ms. Chapman stated that she learned about a "Dancing with the Stars" fundraising event that the Town of Waterford holds each year to raise scholarship funds for summer camp DASH. Ms. Rand suggested holding a formal fundraiser at Sweet Hill Farm and she would be happy to provide the venue and food. The Board discussed involving a High School group to provide the music. The Board will continue to brainstorm ideas for this possible fundraiser and aim to hold the event in late February early March. Ms. Chapman stated that a "Special Meeting" can be called to plan the event. Ms. Rand inquired if alcohol can be served at the event and Ms. Chapman will follow up with the Mayor.

Councilor Rodriguez inquired about the application process for Parks & Recreation scholarships. Ms. Chapman stated that a resident must first become a Social Services client and provide the Ledyard Social Services application along with proof of address and income. The scholarship application provides a rubric for the amount of scholarship available based upon household size and income. Ms. Chapman stated that due to limited funds, there is a \$1000 cap per household for scholarships awarded. Ms. Chapman works with families to determine a camp schedule that will work within the client's budget.

Any Old Business proper to come before the Committee

None

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. School Backpack & Supply Drive Summer 2023

Ms. Chapman shared that the request for school supplies and backpacks will begin after July 4th. Ms. Chapman will share the webpage with information and Amazon wish list with the Board before the next meeting and asked the Board members to share via social media.

Any New Business proper to come before the Committee

None

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

VOTE: 6 - 0 Approved and so declared

Respectively Submitted,

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Chairman Bozym  
Youth & Social Services Board

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