

MINUTES
OASIS
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 12th, 2019
7:00 PM Town Hall

Call to Order: 7:08pm

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

OASIS members present: Vincent Provenzano, Heather Fernilo, Diane Soracco, Madalene Taggart.

OASIS members absent: Laura DeLeo, Stephen Brown, Sheniequa Brown

Others in Attendance/LPC: Rev. Niki Harvell, Stephanie Miller, Heather Haney, Kathy Hanley, Off. David Nichols, Sgt. Rob Boroski, Deb Sherman, Joseph Galla Jr., Susan Schiavi

Quorum established 4 out of 7 members present

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, no changes made.

- ☒ Motion to accept the minutes of the November 2019 meeting: Diane S.
- ☒ Second: Heather F.
- ☒ Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained
- ☒ Motion Carries

Introductions:

George Temple – Town Selectman

Stephanie Miller – Board of Education liaison and Debbie Sherman

Kathy Hanley – Western CT Coalition

Sgt. Rob Boroski(sp?)

Heather Haney – parent

Joseph Galla – resident, former student, explorer program Oxford Ambulance

Discussion/Presentation by George Temple

1. First Selectman George Temple – We are ahead of some towns in addressing this issue, but there is still a problem.
 - a. Desire for OASIS and Board of Ed. To work closely together in the year ahead, because of the importance of this topic.
 - b. We need to figure out a strategy, implement it, define goals, and address them. Impact is wide from town, to education, and law enforcement etc.
 - c. An exercise was done at the high school with law enforcement and dogs. Nothing was found that day which is a grateful thing, but we know there have been incidents in the past.
 - d. Desire for committee to make education a goal and priority. Includes education of parents, and where/what resources are available.
 - e. This issue is multi-jurisdictional and will require cooperation between leaders, officials, and law enforcement.
 - e.i. Madalene agreed, providing some numbers for the ages of deaths in Oxford this year: 22, 39, 42, 47, 68, and 2 additional who died out of town.
 - e.ii. Heather Haney reminded folks that this issue is not limited to age and is strongly affecting seniors as well
 - f. Even one death is too many. A drop in numbers one year does not mean we can pause now. Suggested using examples of youth telling stories from personal experience
 - f.i. Susan- the towns who are most successful are the ones that have law enforcement, town, and Board of Education working together.

Recess to LPC

- ☒ Motion to recess: Diane S.
- ☒ Second: Heather F.
- ☒ Vote: unanimous
- ☒ Motion Carries

2. Western CT Coalition Update: Brief overview and updates provided.

3. Police Update: There is a need to start incorporating better education into the schools at a younger age than high school. D.A.R.E. will be coming back to the schools. For adults, work is being done to encourage removing old/unused prescriptions from the home. Drop box is working well and being emptied every couple of weeks which means it is highly useful. We are also seeing vaping of heroine and amphetamines.
 - a. Vincent P. stated the need for us to have a consistent presence of the police at meetings
 - b. Susan called and encouraged work to be done to offer help and programs.
4. Issues within the school
 - a. The Board of Ed. Cannot go so far as to recommend treatment or hand out educational information, because then treatment would be the responsibility of the school.
 - b. Folks on OASIS strongly encouraged a juvenile review board when these instances occur, because they have been proven helpful.
 - c. Diane said we need both to reach youth as well as the parents in these situations
5. Western CT Coalition Meeting Update: Vinny Provenzano
 - a. We need to have all sectors present, and currently missing a regular representative from the press.
6. PHD Update Americorp: Vinny Provenzano
 - a. We will be getting reimbursed \$1500, because they could not provide us a person
7. Grant Updates: Status of Current Vaping Mini Grant Application
 - a. Funding has come in and was sent to Town Hall. In future, we will need to put a specific "mail to" on the grant applications.
8. Review of FINAL LPC Grant for Current Year: Entire Committee (page 6 of the application lists items specifically for this grant)
 - a. \$1,000 grant application is set.
 - b. CRAFT Training (10 hr) works with families
 - c. Includes 2 programs for the schools
 - d. Movie for Booster Club called "Like" which is about the impact of social media (funded in part for them)
 - e. Survey funding
 - f. Movie "Tough Guys"
9. Consider some possible options for more community interaction and possible options to get more students involve on the committee. – Vinny
 - a. TABLED TOPIC
10. Funding may be available for some things through the community support fund (application is available online)

Adjourn – return to OASIS

Motion to approve the calendar of meetings for the upcoming year on the 2nd Thursdays

- ☒ Motion: Diane S.
- ☒ Second: Heather F.
- ☒ Vote: unanimous
- ☒ Motion Carries

Motion to Adjourn

- ☒ Motion: Diane S.
- ☒ Second: Heather F.
- ☒ Vote: unanimous
- ☒ Motion Carries

8:20pm Meeting Adjourned

Tabled Topics

- ☒ Setting up a juvenile review board and what to do together in the schools (Vinny to invite somebody who has done this in another town?)

☒ Considering options for community interaction (was on agenda for this meeting and has been tabled.

Other Items – Our policy is that if other items need to be discussed for more than 5 minutes they will be put on the agenda for our next meeting

Ernest Schiavone 12/30/19/ 6²⁵ pm

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TOWN CLERK
Cynthia A. West