

**Senior Advisory Committee Minutes of
May 15, 2025**

Committee members present: Lina Fontes, Chair, Eileen Turcotte, Vice Chair, Dian White, Rochelle LeBel, Brad Hilton, Joan Puterbaugh, and Dick Cutliffe via zoom.

Absent: none

Senior Center Director: Pat Soboleski present.

Meeting opened at 1:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director's Financial Report: April 2025 accepted with changes. DICK/JOAN

TOWN ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$21,154.00
Expenditures	16,805.90
Balance	4,348.10

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance	\$20,177.86
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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

Balance	\$137.85
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TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS \$24,663.81

June 2025 preliminary Calendar accepted with changes. LINA/BRAD

Secretary's Report: April 2025 accepted with changes. ROCHELLE/EILEEN

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Litchfield Senior Center Facebook Group page is available to further promote the senior center and the activities going on there. Eileen Turcotte, Administrator of this page, would like to receive video clips and photos, so please send them to her. Some people are having trouble sending her video's so try emailing them to her. Look for any upcoming events on this page.

2. We are planning to have guest speakers at some of our monthly luncheons to speak about Long Term Care Insurance, Estate Planning and Medicare/Medicaid along with other topics of interest to seniors. Plans are to have a Spectrum Rep at the July luncheon to speak about specials for seniors.

3. Pat spoke with the band leaders and was assured that they had a new person, Kristin Chouinard who is going to be responsible for setting up and breaking down the equipment for each performance and storing it in a heated and dry area. Will continue to monitor this situation for possible changes.

4. 50/50 tickets are being sold during the band practice to help with fund raising. This is going well states Joan who continues to do a marvelous job. THANK YOU, JOAN.

5. The American Legion building has been sold and a new one is being built on Rt 126 in West Gardiner. The American Legion Auxiliary has asked to meet at the Senior Center at 8:30 am on the 2nd Saturday until the new building is finished. The Senior Advisory Committee has no objection.

6. Now that Pat is no longer driving the bus, it has become harder to plan trips with the limited drivers we have. There was a discussion about paying the drivers we do have so they may be able to drive more often. The drivers will be asked what they think of this idea. A motion was made by Joan, seconded by Brad and passed for the Senior Center to comp the lunch for the drivers at a maximum of \$20.

7. A discussion was had about a line item in the budget for capital expenses to plan to replace the present bus. Pat has been asked to speak with Kelly about the above to see if there should be a specific line item in the Litchfield Budget to replace the bus. Work in progress.

8. Brad has secured four plastic holders for distribution of our calendar's. They have been placed at the Sportsman Club, Fire Department, Percy's Hardware, Town Hall and Post Office in town. We will continue to stock these plastic holders with our calendars in places allowed throughout town.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Social Committee continues to work on the Roadrunner Trips planned for this year and a list should be available soon.

2. Pat has presented the Senior Center Budget of \$22,075.00 to the Advisory Committee for 2025/2026. A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Rochelle for Pat to present said budget to the Town of Litchfield Selectmen. We will await the town budget report for the final outcome.

3. The CB Band will be playing a fund raising concert on June 22, 2025, from 1 to 2:30 at the Sportsman Club. This will help the club repair some water damage.

4. Sue Webber, the new director of the Woodbury Pond Park, sent the Senior Advisory Committee a letter requesting some more picnic tables, as we supplied in the past, and/or some fire rings as the ones there are in bad shape. We will get prices on both items and report back at the next meeting in June.

5. Pat has informed the Advisory Committee that this will be her last year as the Director and will officially resign at the end of the year.

6. Motion to adjourn made by Dick and second by Joan.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.

Next meeting will be June 26, 2025 at 1:00.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dick Cutliffe
Richard "Dick" Cutliffe, Secretary,
Senior Advisory Committee