

Senior Advisory Committee Minutes of
July 17, 2025

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

Absent: none

Senior Center Director: Pat Soboleski present.

Meeting opened at 1:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director's Financial Report: June 2025 accepted. DICK/EILEEN

TOWN ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$21,154.00
Expenditures	20,355.00
Balance	799.00

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance	\$21,383.94
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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

Balance	\$38.25
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TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS \$22,221.19

August 2025 preliminary Calendar accepted. ROCHELLE/EILEEN

Secretary's Report: June 2025 accepted. LINA/ROCHELLE

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 Dietitian from Hannaford's to speak on September 19th, about how to live and eat healthy.

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. The report is that she is doing a great job.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sue Weber, 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. The Advisory Committee has voted to spend up to \$500 on a combination of two picnic tables and one fire ring as per requested as a donation for the park.

2. The Senior Advisory Committee has voted to pay our volunteers a stipend as follows: Jon and Pat Bailey, band directors, \$150; Dian White, exercise instructor, \$100; Linda Weston, dance instructor, \$100; Joyce Drew and Pauline Smith, helpers, each \$50.

3. A reminder to the committee that any member that has served two, 3-year consecutive terms on the Senior Advisory Committee, may be eligible to have their name included on the plaque.

4. Brad has informed the committee that the write up about the seniors on the Town of Litchfield's web site should be updated. Dick will look into this and update as needed.

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 September 2025.

6. Dick has informed the committee that he will be resigning as the secretary and a member of the Senior Advisory Committee effective August 21, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Next meeting will be August 21, 2025 at 1:00.

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