

PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2026

Attendance: Mary Rogers, Laura Taylor, Jerry Rivard, Christa Zaldivar, Jeanette Baker, Wendy Carros, Beth Provost, Jackie Palance, Pastor Lee

Excused absence: Rita Fasci

**Centering/Opening Prayer** was given by Mary Rogers.

A motion was made to pass the April 16 minutes by Jerry Rivard, seconded by Wendy Carros; minutes were accepted.

After considerable discussion regarding Brian's Angels and issues we have been having, a motion was made that the contract with Brian's Angels not be renewed effective June 30, 2026, and an agreement be made to give them 90 days, until September 30 to vacate our building.

Jackie reported that we received a Notice of Violation concerning trash being thrown over the bank above the railroad tracks. That land has been sold recently and the new owners initiated the notice. It was determined that the former owner, Thomas Zipp, gave permission to individuals to throw leaves and vegetation over the bank. No garbage or household items had been dumped there. Jackie spoke to Bristol Town Hall, and it was agreed that we would put up "No Dumping" signs along the back of our parking lot.

Mary Rogers discussed the railing put up by the altar stairs. It was determined that the design would not work, and it was removed. The builder sent an invoice to cover only the two siderails that were installed for \$1500.

Jackie spoke to Immanuel Lutheran Church regarding the sale of the parsonage. She told them we were not in a position to sell it at this time.

We had received a letter from the District Superintendent discouraging us from selling the parsonage. Although we have a shared pastor now, there may come a time when a pastor would need a larger parsonage or when each church may need their own pastor.

Tim gave a report on the audit – he has inquired at the Congregational Church if someone there could help with the audit at Prospect. He will also follow up with Geoff to see if knows of anyone who can help us.

Pastor Lee discussed the Prayer Walk event along the trail by the Farmington River. He would like to schedule it monthly, possibly next time at the Barnes Nature Center. Corey

Nagle, and Carol Jerry Rivard and Beth Provost took part, along with about 10 people from Asbury UMC.

Summer Service – Pastor Lee had discussed combining church services through July and August with both churches. It was agreed that service would be at 9:30 a.m., at Prospect UMC in July and Asbury UMC in August. Envelopes collected at the offering will be delivered to the appropriate church, and any cash collected will be given to the host church. There were concerns about parking at Prospect, as elderly members would need to park in the upper parking lot or on Summer Street. We will encourage people who are able to park in the lower parking lot. Pastor Lee suggested taking pictures of the entrances at each church so that members will know which door to enter.

Pastor Lee will be at Annual Conference on June 11-14. He has asked Corey Nagle to preach on June 14.

Also Pastor Lee will be on vacation from July 14 – 26, missing Sundays July 19 and 26. We will need to have guest speakers for those Sundays. Pastor Lee will also be away on August 16, preaching at a Westchester NY church.

The Board members were given copies of the Ministry Plan Template from Annual Conference, and began gathering the information that was requested.

Meeting ended at 8:20 pm. We will not meet in July.

Respectfully submitted  
Beth Provost