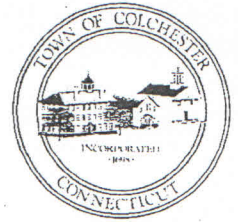




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YOUTH FIRST COALITION February 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Location: Colchester Youth Center

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

- **Voting Members Present:** Chairman Sgt. Robert Suchecki, Secretary Pamela Scheibelein, Lorraine Marvin, Gina Ebbing, Thomas St. Louis, Vice Chairman Kathy Wonderly, Shirley Ellis,
- **Voting Members Absent:** Gail Baxter, Linda Bromley (6 month LOA)
- **Non Voting Members Present:** Sgt. Marc Petruzzi, Meaghan Hickey,
- **Non Voting Members Absent:** Director Valerie Geato (Maternity Leave), Linda Iacobellis, Diane Hettrick, Barbara Gilbert, Chris Bennett, Brittany Berube
- **Others Present:** Sean O'Leary – Park & Rec Board Member, John Reeve – BOE Liaison, Rob Tarlov -BOF Liaison, Jennifer Sloat - Program Coordinator, Ashlee Denny, Michelle Suchecki - Resident

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Robert Suchecki called the meeting to order at 5:30.
2. Approve Minutes of January 8, 2013 Youth First Coalition Meeting: **Motion to approve by Thomas St. Louis, seconded by Lorraine Marvin**
3. Public Comments: none
4. Program and Department Updates:
 - YAC is sponsored “Teens for Jeans” and collected 75 pairs of jeans to donate to Aeropostal for homeless teens
 - Open Youth Center – a few weather cancellations, otherwise lots of kids attending– 40-70 kids
 - Youth Force Group- spring session beginning this week
 - Gender specific programs - The crew & Girls circle- beginning at the end of this month
5. 2013 Goals. “Year of the Family” Discussion:

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- Partnership opportunities with Parks & Recreation Dept. - Spring Clean Up Day (May 6, 2013 8a-12p) Possible clean up around the Youth Center and the green. Volunteers are asked to bring tools – rakes, shovel, etc.
 - We can advertise through digital backpack, Facebook and newspaper to have volunteers sign up. Pam to inquire about signage for the green – what we can post, Rob has a permanent sign that he made that we could use.
 - Additional potential partnership opportunities with Parks & Rec:
 - Concerts on the Green
 - 57thfest/Carnival
 - Review of Spaghetti Dinner – Successful event. Around 70 people attended the dinner. Duane from Colchester Pizza and Sheryl Floyd from WJMS Café prepared the pasta. All extra bread and pasta was donated to the Colchester Community Lunch. Rob Suchecki received positive feedback from the attendees including parents that are excited about events geared towards the family and that salad should have been served.
 - Successful advertising in the Digital backpack, newspaper & Facebook
 - Possible Year of the Family events:
 - Dessert Drop In at Youth Center & Family Game Night - May
6. Other:
- Student Board Members Encouragement– Rob Suchecki is going to ask Gregg Schuster to encourage all department boards to seek student members.
7. Review of Youth Leadership Award Guidelines – Board recommendations to be submitted to Jennifer Sloat.
8. Adjourn: Pamela Scheibelein motioned to adjourn at 6:10, seconded by Thomas St. Louis.

Submitted by: Ashlee Denny 02/07/2013

