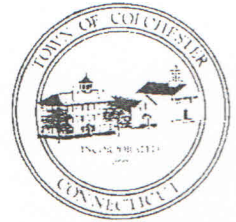




# Colchester Youth & Social Services

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## YOUTH FIRST COALITION April 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Location: Colchester Youth Center  
Time: 5:30-6:30pm

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- **Voting Members Present: Robert Suchecki, Gina Ebbeling, Kathy Wonderly, Linda Bromley, Lorraine Marvin**
  - **Voting Members Absent: Pamela Scheibein, Gail Baxter, Thomas St. Louis, Shirley Ellis, Pamela Scheibein**
  - **Non Voting Members Present: Brittany Berube, Chris Bennett, Valerie Geato**
  - **Non Voting Members Absent: Barbara Gilbert, Diane Hettrick, Meg Lewis, Mark Pertruzzi**
  - **Others Present: Robert Tarlov, Mike Schaff, Jennifer Sloat, Gary Walter, Michelle Suchecki**
1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Robert Suchecki called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
  2. Approve Minutes of February 5, 2013 Youth First Coalition Meeting: Motion to approve by Kathy Wonderly, seconded by Linda Bromley.
  3. The official meeting time of Youth First has been moved to 6 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Motioned to approve by Robert Suchecki, seconded by Lorraine Marvin
  4. Public Comments:
    - Meg Lewis' husband passed last week, board to send a card.
    - Gary Walter from the historical society presented information on public historical sites in the center of Colchester. Historical Society is available to assist with information for the letter boxing.
  5. Program Updates:
    - YAC – Picking up trash on Halls Hill Rd in honor of Earth Day. Jen Sloat has 2 names to present for the Youth Leadership Award.
    - Youth Force Group - Spring session is in full swing
    - Mentoring groups –
      - 7<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders – starting soon
      - High school group to meet at UConn
    - Girl's Circle – to begin this Thursday through June, 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 7 members
    - Crew to begin next week – 6 boys
    - Summer trips are being planned- approx 40 trips to be planned throughout the summer

6. Family First Initiatives:

- Spring Clean up, April 6 – Team to meet at Youth Center at 8:30am. The Park & Rec will provide mulch, and Youth Services will provide pizza for lunch.
- Family Fun Day, May 4, 13- YAC will be running a stand. Youth First will have a table with program information might sell water bottles. This will be a great event to try to get new members. There will be 1 hour shifts – 10-2
  - 10-11 - Gina
  - 11-12
  - 12-1
  - 1-2 - Linda
- Tie Dye Fest, June 8, 11-3
  - Youth Services to review notes from last year and compile an action list for the board
  - Mom's club would like to help with the fest - they would like to have an activity to engage small kids, possibly a face painting table.
  - Tours of youth center – YFG
  - Spin art
- Summer 101, May 30, – Substance Abuse Prevention – to get parents information on substance abuse before the summer vacation starts. Students may be offered extra credit for attendance. Presentation then parents had break out sessions and students watched skits and had discussions.
  - Look for presenters for both parents & students – SERAC may have suggestion for young speakers
  - Contest – students to submit an essay or a painting reflecting their feelings/what they learned. Winner will be selected and rewarded with enticing prize
  - Sub committee will meet to plan the event

7. Possible Family First Events for Fall:

- Letter Boxing
- Climbing event – partner with the PTO at WJJMS

8. Adjourn: Kathy Wonderly motioned to adjourn at 6:52, seconded by Robert Suchecki.

Submitted by: Ashlee Denny 4.8.13