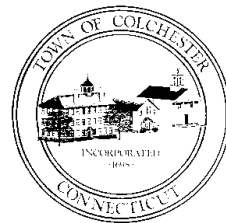




# Colchester Youth FIRST

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## YOUTH FIRST COALITION April 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes Location: Colchester Youth Center Time: 5:00-6:30pm

Voting members present: Lorraine Marvin, Linda Bromley, Shirley Ellis, Pam Scheibelein, Gina Ebbeling, Kathy Wonderly, Robert Suchecki

Voting members absent:

Non voting members present: Christopher Bennett, Barbara Gilbert

Non voting members absent: Linda Iacobellis, Brittany Berube

Others present: Valerie Geato, Jennifer Martino, Ashlee Denny, Ginnie Streppa, Denise Mizla (BOS)

1. Call meeting to order: Pam Scheibelein called the meeting to order at 5:02pm
2. Public comments: None
3. Program updates:
  - a. QPR(Question, Persuade, Response) Suicide prevention trainings have been completed at with senior citizens professionals, teachers and social workers at Bacon Academy's professional day and in Teen Issues class with students at Bacon Academy.
  - b. Youth Force Group projects completed - Nike Reuse a shoe, Birthday baskets, bingo at Harrington Court, Omega House, Package store stickers, substance abuse prevention lawn signs
  - c. YAC projects completed – Wrapped with Love scoliosis blankets and bingo at the senior center
  - d. Girl Circle: 7 seventh & eighth graders group began and the end of March and is going very well.
  - e. Kitchen project: anticipated to be completed by April 30, 2014.
4. 2013/2014 Goals “Year of the Family”
  - a. Community Clean Up April 5<sup>th</sup> – Members attending Robert Suchecki, Kathy Wonderly, Linda Bromley, Gina Ebbeling
  - b. Tie Dye Fest/ Family Summer Palooza – Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 11-2
    - i. Confirm rental prices from Fantastic Inflatable's for a dunk tank, cotton candy machine & bounce slide
    - ii. Mom's Club will attend again this year and do face painting.
    - iii. Chris Bennett will provide a popcorn machine. Youth Services to provide popcorn.
    - iv. Food-

1. Request donations from Ben & Jerry – Kathy Wonderly, Farmer’s Cow & UConn Dairy Bar - Gina Ebbeling
2. Request pretzel & chips pricing from the Sharon Floyd at the school – Ashlee Denny
3. Request hot dog machine from Duane - Lorraine Marvin
4. Linda Bromley to request flyers from Stop & Shop and bottled water from local businesses.
- v. Pricing: \$5 for a bracelet to include bounce house, ice cream, face painting & spin art. \$10 for t-shirts, hot dogs & pretzels sold separately.
5. Local business sales of drug paraphernalia update by Robert Suchecki: East Lyme ordinance did not pass. Action items: Confirm which stores sell drug paraphernalia – Pam Scheibelein
6. Other: Community Center – new charge for building committee to determine whether or not if there is a new school built should include the youth center. If this becomes a possibility, YOUTH FIRST would like the Youth Center to be at the school.
7. Adjourn: Linda Bromley motioned to adjourn at 6:30, seconded by Pam Scheibelein.