

Dartmouth Youth Commission
June 18, 2012, 7:00 PM
Minutes
7:00 PM in Room 118 Town Hall

Members Present: Mike McHenry, Nicole Plante, Gale Shultz, Dan Cook, Jamie Jacquart, Rozzy Glaser

Regrets: Debbie Brejcha, Kevin Lee (Kevin was wrapping up a group outing with teens)

Minutes of 5.3.12 were read and approved.

Budget Review dated 6.12.12, consisting of operational budget, gift account and Glaser Fund were accepted as presented.

Old Business:

- Nicole reported that Jenn Boucher, a Dartmouth resident, has submitted her letter to the Select Board seeking to serve on the Youth Commission.
- Commissioners discussed votes taken and eventual outcomes on the Finance Committee on May 15 and May 31, 2012, respectively.
- Commissioners reviewed the process and steps taken to prepare for Town Meeting on June 5, 2012.

Youth Advocate's Report:

- The Girl Power Group has ended for the summer, with annual outing scheduled June 14, 2012
- The Teen Zone Group has ended for the summer, with annual outing scheduled for June 18, 2012.
- Kevin plans to start vacation beginning June 20 and return on July 9, 2012. (A Form C, detailing dates away, has been submitted.)
- Kevin reported that **Nicole Plante** has submitted her letter for reappointment already.
- **Dan Cook** announced that he will submit his letter seeking reappointment soon as well.

Commissioner's Discussion:

- Commissioners held a lengthy discussion on the use of social media, and Facebook in particular, and plan to devote the next meeting to discussing policies, sign-offs, concern for confidentiality, etc.

New Business:

- Commissioners discussed the need to hold an Organizational Meeting, to reaffirm the present, or choose new chairperson and vice chairperson, and decided to this at the September 2012 meeting.
- Commissioners reviewed Town Counsel's opinion to the Finance Committee dated May 30, 2012. (See copy) and approved including same into the minutes of this meeting as attached.
- Commissioners reviewed again their previous decision to approve the recent donation of a hot water heater and installation for needy family. The \$800 project was completed at a reduced rate by Fred's Plumbing, and will be paid for from the Glaser Fund. (A \$350 donation has been made to the Glaser Fund by a Town resident, intended to offset this expense. Commissioners were satisfied with this process and how it was handled.
- Commissioners plan to revisit and discuss our "Mission Statement and use that as a guide on how we use social media as a vehicle for promoting our services and sharing information, etc.
- Commissioners will seek a report and update from Kevin on the following:
 - Status on cost and funding source of new sink.
 - Intended use (when received) of the Celia Lima Scholarship.
 - What are we using the Youth Commission Gift Account, and how is it "invested?" Are we using it for short-term expenses, etc.?

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30 PM.