Dartmouth Youth Commission September 10, 2013, 6:30 PM Minutes Room 118 Town Hall

Present: Gale Shultz, Debbie Breicha, Rosalyn Glaser-Bernstein, Jamie Jacquart, Renee Leite

Regrets: Dan Cook

Budget Report: Review for consideration of approval Budget Report dated 7/22/13.

Minutes: Reviewed and approved Minutes of May 14, 2013

Budget Report: Budget of 7/22/13 was read and approved

New Business:

• Youth Commission members welcomed Renee Leite as the newest member of the Youth Commission!

- Kevin reported that the Town's 350th Anniversary Planning Committee has invited the Youth Commission to put together a float for the parade scheduled in September 7, 2014. Discussion followed. Kevin is on the lookout for a large four-wheeled wagon to construct a float on!
- The Town has a new Director of Personnel, Melissa Medeiros, who began at the end of June.
- The Annual Town Meeting which was held Tuesday, June 4, 2013 went smoothly!
- Fall Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 15, 2013 at 7 PM at the Dartmouth High School.

Old Business:

- Kevin updated Commissioners on the hunt for patio furniture! Thus far, the prices were either too high or the selection was poor.
- Family Focus Newsletter update: Introductory Issue sent on 5.3.13.
- Kevin reported that he is working with Lisa Hurbre, who is an adult intern from UMD. Lisa will assist with our online newsletter in the coming school year.

Youth Advocate's Report:

- Teen Zone Group began 9/9/13 with 12 teens and two interns present.
- Kevin updated Commissioners on client issues over the summer. (Recent suicides in the area (non-clients). Kevin also reported details of a death of an 18 year old male in June, who had attended our Teen Zone Group, which teens are still struggling with, both in Teen Zone Group and among clients who knew him.
- Girl Power and STARRS Groups rosters, which will begin next month, are still building.
- Kevin detailed some recent client developments, including the use of heroin, and the recent "Molly (made up of cocaine, crack, ecstasy, meth & bath salts) coverage, and area use among teens.

Commissioner's Discussion:

- One member inquired about what the policies are regarding DYAA games and game cancellations.
- Commissioners discussed the fact that the Youth Commission still has one opening remaining and urged one another to keep looking for someone to complete the board at seven members.

Next meeting Date will be on November 5, 2013 at 6:30 PM, Room 118, Town Hall.