

Dartmouth Youth Commission
April 8, 2014, 6:30 PM
Minutes
Room 118 Town Hall

Present: Debra Brejcha, Gale Shultz, Jamie Jacquart, Rosalyn Glaser-Bernstein, Renee Leite
Regrets: Dan Cook

Budget Report: The budget report dated 4/1/14 was reviewed and approved.
(Includes Youth Com. Gift Account and Glaser Fund Report dated 4/7/14)

Minutes: The minutes of November 5, 2013 were read and corrected to show that Commissioner Jamie Jacquart was also present at the Nov 5, 2013 meeting. Following the correction, the minutes were approved.

Note: No votes were taken and no minutes were created from our last scheduled meeting on March 4, 2014, due to the lack of a quorum.

Old Business:

- Dan Cook has graciously offered the use of one of his trailers to use as a Youth Com float at the 350th parade September 7, 2014. Thank you, Dan!

Youth Advocate's Report:

- Youth Advocate thanked Commissioners who helped provide aid, clothing, presents and food to a particular family during the holidays.
- Kevin reported that a special thank you was expressed, and letter written to the UMD Campus Police for their donations to said family.
- Update on particular family that received our assistance during the holidays. (See enclosed thank you note.)
- Report on 37 families placed by the Commonwealth at Dartmouth Motor Court and other motels in Town.
- Teen Zone Group is running smoothly and is well attended, with two interns present.
- Client updates: A verbal report was given by Kevin.
- STARS Group concluded the second session for the 2013-2014 school year. The fall 2014 session will begin on October 14, 2014.
- Kevin gave a personal report to Commissioners on his back condition, etc., which is doing much better.
- Girl Power Group is running smoothly with ten girls attending, with another sign-up expected soon.
- Kevin wishes to report, with appreciation and some sense of amazement, that on **September 24, 2014**, he will mark his 30th year of employment as the Youth Advocate for the Town of Dartmouth!

Commissioner's Discussion:

- Commissioners discussed ideas and logistics for the Youth Commission's float for the September 7, 2014 parade. Dan Cook and Rozzy Glaser offered to be named to a subcommittee to plan the float. Other Commissioners were also encouraged to assist as needed.
- A discussion was held regarding the prevalence of drugs, and their impact, among the youth of our community. One Commissioner expressed the view that the schools could be doing more to address this ever-present issue.
- A discussion concerning the lack assessable mental health services for young people was held.
- Commissioners also discussed whether or not the proposed changes in the Town's administrative/governance structure would impact the work of the Youth Commission and ultimately the youth that we serve.

New Business:

- The Commission created a Float Committee for the 350th Anniversary Parade so that a design plan can be developed over the summer months and have it ready to go by the end of August. (See Commissioners discussions above.) Kevin envisions putting together a group of children, teens, parents and a member of the Youth Commission. Additional suggestions and input requested. The theme, "Here Comes Tomorrow" was suggested as a possibility by one Commissioner. (Not sure who said this, actually...please correct.)
- New Business from floor:

The Youth Commission will meet next on June 24, 2014 at 6:30 PM in Room 118