

Dartmouth Youth Commission
May 12, 2015, 6:30 PM
Minutes
Room 118 Town Hall

Present: Gale Shultz, Rosalyn Glaser-Bernstein, Jamie Jacquart, Renee Leite, Kevin Lee.

Regrets: Debbie Brejcha, Dan Cook

6:30 PM Appointment: Teresa Hamm, a Dartmouth resident, introduced herself to members of the Youth Commission. Teresa has submitted an application to the Select Board to be considered for appointment to the Youth Commission. Kevin informed the Commissioners that the Select Board would like to consider Teresa Hamm's appointment when she is able to be present at their meeting. After a period of discussion, Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Ms. Hamm and hoped that she would be appointed soon! Teresa also informed Commissioners that she may also be appointed to serve on the Town's Finance Committee.

Budget Report: The budget report dated May 5, 2015, including printouts of the Glaser Fund and Youth Commission Gift account, was reviewed and approved.

Minutes: The Minutes of April 7, 2015 were also reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Gale Shultz, Chairperson, who met with Mr. Cressman last month regarding the posting of the Youth Advocate's position and the interviewing process, gave a brief overview to Commissioners, with further details to be discussed in Executive Session this evening.
- The position was posted on May 5, 2015. Advertisement to the usual media outlets followed immediately. Deadline for applications is May 22, 2015.

Youth Advocate's Report:

- Kevin offered a brief report on how individual clients and group members have, and are, responding to the news of Kevin's retirement in September. Kevin expressed how difficult it has been for him personally and professionally to both inform clients and support them through this process at the same time.
- Kevin reported on a discussion he had with David Cressman, Executive Administrator that he preferred to refrain from fielding inquiries about the Youth Advocate position from area colleagues.
- Girl Power Group will end for the summer on June 3, 2015
- Teen Zone Group will end for summer on June 8, 2015.

Commissioner's Discussion:

- Commissioners expressed their support for Kevin's decision to stay clear of speaking with applicants about the position, should they contact him.
- Kevin informed the Commission that both Dan Cook's and Debra Brejcha's terms end on June 30, 2015. Because the Commission will be in the process of interviewing applicants during June and July, the Commission urged Kevin to do everything possible to get Dan and Debbie to send in their letters seeking to be reappointed.

New Business:

- Commissioners met with Teresa Hamm regarding her application to be appointed to the Youth Commission.
- Kevin discussed with Youth Commissioners on the pros and cons of planning and setting up fall support group schedules vs. waiting to have input from the new Youth Advocate when she/he begins on September 1, 2015. Commissioners encouraged Kevin to go ahead and plan the fall support group schedules.
- Kevin plans (tentatively) to be on vacation from June 15 -30, 2015.
- Since the next meeting on June 8 will begin in Open Session only briefly and then go in to Executive Session to discuss applications received, Commissioners agreed that Kevin Lee will not attend the meeting. Kevin said he would have the agenda and minutes set up onto clipboards as usual in advance.

Next meeting Date: June 8, 2015

7:35 PM. Entered into Executive Session. We will not reconvene into Open Session following Executive Session.