

**Youth Commission Minutes**  
**October 20, 2011**

Attending: June David-Fors, Sylvia Pabreza, Chris Benested, Becca Haberman, Gretchen Bean. Youth Liaisons: Holly Bissett and P.J. Schwalm

A motion to open the meeting was made by Sylvia Pabreza and seconded by Gretchen Bean at 7:18 pm.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held Thursday November 17 at 7:00 pm.

The minutes from the September 2011 meeting will be reviewed in November.

Director's Report:

- The Town of Northborough has a cash surplus due to the new growth in town. The town budget process is starting now. We are looking at level funding for NFYS.
- Pam Naab, Boston College Graduate Intern, is working with six families in the community.
- NFYS is in the process of teaming with Southborough Youth and Family services to run a group at the RISE program at Algonquin Regional High School.
- NFYS is working with agencies and churches in town as well as the schools to provide outreach to the homeless families living in local hotels. Transportation is a significant issue. The Northborough Food Pantry has been impacted by new populations in town.
- Marcia Roman, a member of Helping Hands, has reported that she has received 160 requests for help over the holidays including Thanksgiving meals. A gift program for the holidays is also in place.
- MetroWest Community Health Care Foundation- Childhood Obesity Implementation Grant Update - Year Two:
  - There have been many requests for spots in the Community Garden on Valentine Road for next year.
  - Restaurants are being encouraged to offer healthy options.
- June was asked about the need for increased staffing for NFYS. It was noted that there are two full-time staff members in Southborough. The issue of providing preventative services was raised.

Other Business:

June informed the board about the role of the Veterans Affairs Department in Town.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gretchen Bean at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Chris Benestad.