

## **YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING**

May 4, 2009

Minutes

**PRESENT:** Cheryl Amey, Michelle Grasso, Andy Rosenshine, Nancy Tame, Oscar Najarian

**WYFS:** John Badenhause, Director  
Doreen Rebh, Administrative Assistant

### **7:30 PM MEETING OPENED**

Michelle called the meeting to order and the minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and from the April 13th meeting were reviewed. Cheryl made a motion to accept both months' minutes, Andy seconded, and all were in favor.

### **7:35 PM FY10 BUDGET**

John announced that he received an email from the Chair of the Advisory Finance Committee informing him that she was submitting a budget that was just below level-funded for our office. She explained that the FinCom would be voting on the budget tonight and that they would let us know the outcome of their meeting in a few days. John stated that this approved budget would be the one that would go before town meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **7:45 PM YOUTH MEMBER ON YOUTH COMMISSION**

John explained that he talked with administration at the high school about ways to advertise the youth position on the Youth Commission Board and that staff there are happy to help by displaying the information and by including it in morning announcements. It was decided that the position would also be posted on cable, posted on the town website, that flyers would be made up, and that the office would send out several press releases to local papers and to the high school newspaper. The Youth Commission is hoping to receive letters of interest by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion on expectations for the youth member – it would require a September to June commitment, a willingness to represent youth at community meetings, and a willingness to provide perspective on youth and family needs. It was decided that it would be best to have two youth members, one high school junior and one high school senior, and that the position should be

promoted as not only a leadership opportunity but also an opportunity to see how town government and a town office are run.

**8:00 PM      OTHER BUSINESS**

Michelle moved to go into an executive session. Doreen and Oscar left the meeting so that the Youth Commission could discuss the Director's review with John.