

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2010

PRESENT: Kristin French, Andy Rosenshine, Michelle Grasso, Oscar Najarian, Rachel Bridge

WYFS: John Badenhause, Director
Doreen Rebh, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Ritika Lahoty, Cameron Mattheson, Ali Strand

7:35 PM: MEETING OPENED

John reported that Michelle would be a few minutes late for the meeting so it was decided to move ahead to items that did not require decisions. Andy unofficially opened the meeting and suggested that everyone introduce themselves.

7:40 PM: REPORT FROM YOUTH MEMBERS

Rachel stated that finals would be starting June 15th. She reported that students voted for their new Student Council on Monday and that Kasey Packer was elected President.

When asked her impression of youth membership on the Youth Commission, Rachel stated that she thought it had been a great experience and that although she's been involved in leadership positions at school before, it's been interesting to work with adults and also to see how town government works. She stated that she'd like to return as a Youth Commission youth member next year.

7:45 PM: HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

Sarah handed out the Hot Summer Nights brochure. She talked about some of the new events being offered this summer, including: *Go Green – Recyclable Art, Lights, Camera, Action* with Westborough TV and the community volunteer opportunities with Community Harvest and Westborough Community Land Trust. Board members loved the brochures and the volunteer opportunities. Andy wondered if the kids could be rewarded for volunteering with snacks or ice cream.

Kristin wondered if, since Avidia Bank helped sponsor HSN, they might be willing to display brochures in their lobby. Sarah agreed to call Avidia and find out. Kristin also suggested having the brochures added to the Westborough schools' "electronic backpack" early next June.

7:55 PM: MEETING OFFICIALLY OPENED

8:00 PM YOUTH COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

John explained the role of the Youth Commission and how its members decided last year that it would be helpful to have input from youth in the community.

Ritika Lahoty, Cameron Mattheson and Ali Strand introduced themselves. When asked their reasons for wanting to become youth members on the Youth Commission, all three students mentioned their desire to be involved and to help provide programs for the youth in Westborough.

The group was impressed with each student's "energy and experience". It was decided that although the Board had originally advocated for only one more youth member, it seemed "silly not to take the help when it's offered." Michelle made a motion to invite all three to appointments as youth members on the Youth Commission, Andy seconded and all were in favor.

8:25 PM OTHER BUSINESS

Andy wondered how WYFS was going about thanking the Hot Summer Nights sponsors. John explained that he'd written a letter to the Editor and that a press release had recently gone out.

John passed out a letter and resume from Westborough resident, Judith Tully, who is interested in Youth Commission membership. It was decided that the group would meet July 12th to interview Judith. John agreed to find out if she is available on that date and to let the group know.

8:40 PM MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Meeting – 7:30 PM, Monday, July 12, 2010.