

**YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
Westborough Youth and Family Services Office  
Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building  
45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA  
**February 11, 2013**  
**7:36 PM to 8:31 PM**

**PRESENT:** Michelle Grasso, Judith Tully, Patricia Ainsleigh, Oscar Najarian, Pranit Lahoty, Matt Murch.

**ABSENT:** Andy Rosenshine, Jack Chuma, Casey Collins, Christine Anthony.

**WYFS:** John Badenhause, Director  
Cathy Cairns, Administrative Assistant

**7:50 PM: MEETING OPENED**

Michelle called the meeting to order once there was a quorum. The January 2013 minutes were reviewed. Judith made a motion to accept the minutes, Patricia seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

**7:52 PM: REPORT FROM YOUTH MEMBERS**

Westborough High Schools grades on only online and accessible through iPass. The Environmental Club is involved in terracycling in the cafeteria. (Trash is separated into a variety of different containers.) Students do not have study periods, since it is against MA law, so schools must refer to them by names other than study periods. The students are discussing who will take over for the Principal who is leaving at the end of the school year. Matt received an art award for his graphite drawing of a homeless man and a business man. The drawing will be displayed in Boston.

**8:00 PM: DISCUSS TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

The YC will meet with the Finance Committee on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. They will discuss the WYFS budget and the Town Meeting article.

Town Meeting begins Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00-5:00PM. It will resume at 7:00PM and run to 10:30PM. John suggested that Town Meeting will most likely continue on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Since the WYFS article is #15, one of the last articles on the warrant, it will most likely be discussed on Monday.

John gathered members' cell phone numbers so that they can be contacted closer to the time Article 15 will be discussed, in case members don't plan on being at the entire Town Meeting.

The group discussed what will happen at Town Meeting: Michelle will be called up to identify and read the article. She will then do a brief presentation on the article, along with Pranit, who will represent the youth members. There will be discussion and

questions and answers. John will submit Pranit's name so he will be "admitted" into Town Meeting since he is not a registered voter.

Michelle will address any reservations voters might have about the article. She will explain the checks and balances already in place: budgets approved by the YC are also reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Town Manager; any board member will be interviewed by the YC and appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The YFS Director will be hired by the YC with final approval of the Town Manager. The YC will continue to work closely with the liaison on the Board of Selectmen. Michelle will explain to voters that there are many steps to the approval process and that voting for the article will not change that process.

Michelle will write an article about Article 15 for the March/April issue of the WYFS newsletter.

The group discussed the possibility of having a trifold set up in the lobby at Town Meeting with information explaining Article 15, or printing up flyers with information about the article that could be passed out to voters entering Town Meeting.

**8:35 PM: SPRING FESTIVAL**

The group decided it would be good to have a table at the Rotary Club's Spring Festival on Saturday, May 4 this year. The group would discuss assigned time to work the table at the next meeting.

**8:45PM: MEETING ADJOURNED**

**NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:30 PM**