

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

PRESENT: Michelle Grasso, Judith Tully, Patricia Ainsleigh, Christine Anthony, Andy Rosenshine, Oscar Najarian, Pranit Lahoty, Matt Murch.

ABSENT: Jack Chuma and Casey Collins

WYFS: John Badenhausen, Director
Cathy Cairns, Administrative Assistant

7:34 PM: MEETING OPENED

Michelle called the meeting to order. The February 2013 minutes were reviewed. Judith made a motion to accept the minutes, Patricia seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

7:36 PM: REPORT FROM YOUTH MEMBERS

Rec Ball (recreation basketball) is very popular right now. The High School is putting on the play, "Curtains." March 11th was the unofficial senior skip day. The students reported there are inconsistencies in the punishment students receive for skipping individual classes versus skipping school. Skipping classes seems to receive more severe punishment than skipping the whole day. The school doors are locked, as well as most of the bathrooms, during school hours.

7:45 PM: DISCUSS ARTICLE 15 PRESENTATION

Tim Dodd interviewed Michelle and Pranit for Westborough TV and the group said they did a good job. The group reviewed the paper copy of the presentation Michelle and Pranit will give at Town Meeting.

After discussion, some edits were made to the presentation. Michelle will distribute the revised version of the presentation to the YC members before Town Meeting. The booklet voting residents receive at Town Meeting will state that Article 15 received unanimous approval from the Board of Selectmen and Fin Comm. John will notify the Moderator of the four youth members' names so they will be admitted to Town Meeting. Michelle has a brief slide presentation that includes the article, preceding articles pertaining to the YC, and bullet points of why passage of Article 15 is important.

Town Meeting begins Saturday, March 16 at 1:00PM and the WYFS budget will be voted on early in the list of articles. Judith said she would be there to represent the YC during the budget process. John will text message the other YC members when Article 15 is coming up so they can arrive at Town Meeting in time.

8:32PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:30 PM