

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
 Westborough Youth and Family Services Office
 Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building
 45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA
October 6, 2014
7:34 PM to 8:30 PM

YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Moon, Jorge Nario, Lauren Schiffman, Gerard Sockol, Robert Stout, Judith Tully, Corbin Whitaker, Meredith Wolpert.

YOUTH COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS PRESENT:

Katherine Burbank, Oscar Najarian,

ABSENT: Patricia Ainsleigh, Arpita Joyce.

GUEST: Tim Barton

WYFS: John Badenhause, Director
 Cathy Cairns, Admin. Asst.
 Stephanie Camille – WYFS Clinical Intern

7:34 PM: Members of the group introduced themselves for the benefit of our guest Tim Barton.

7:39 PM: YOUTH REPORT

The senior college applications are due in the next few weeks.

The Homecoming Dance was a success. There were more parent chaperones than teachers and they turned off all of the lights. The kids were happy and there were no incidents.

The Week Under the Lights games were well attended. And the night games helped build school spirit. There is some talk about creating a field with lights at the recently purchased Westborough State Hospital land.

7:47 PM: MEETING OPENED

Quorum achieved. Judith called the meeting to order. The September 2014 minutes were reviewed. Meredith made a motion to accept the minutes, Corbin seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

7:50 PM INTERVIEW WITH YC CANDIDATE TIM BARTON

Tim spoke about his background as an entrepreneur and his volunteer work which includes helping the WYFS Free Holiday Store and local homeless families. He is also a member of the Human Service Alliance and the Elf Project, and anonymous giving project. He has two children, 12 and 14 years old. Tim met John last year and offered to help with the Free Holiday Store. He is interested in micro-giving and invests in technology companies that do

good in their communities. He is involved in charities in Boston, particularly Rosie's Place. He agrees with the YC members that there are not enough things for Westborough kids to do. This summer he opened his house on Thursday nights for his kids' friends for spontaneous play and wants to expand on this concept.

YC members each spoke about their backgrounds and what drew them to joining the YC. Many of the youth YC members are involved in school government and volunteering in the community. The youth members spoke about how important it was for them to get voting privileges as Youth Commission members.

The adult YC members come from a variety of backgrounds and wanted a way to give back to the community and offer their expertise to help kids and families in Westborough.

John explained that the youth member positions are for two years, with students joining in their junior year, and the adult member positions are for three years.

John said the next step for Tim is to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen about his interest in joining the Youth Commission. Then the BofS will schedule a brief interview with him and then appoint him.

8:14 PM: WHAT'S UP TONIGHT?

Meredith reported that the youth members compiled a list of six questions to ask candidates for the What's Up Tonight (WUT) coordinator position. Gerad explained the program and that while the coordinator will help supervise and organize the program, the kids will do most of the work. The candidate interviews for this position are scheduled for Wednesday.

The Youth Activities Coordinator position includes the Hot Summer Nights (HSN) coordinator and the WUT coordinator. The position is allotted 400 hours, with 250-275 hours for the HSN coordinator.

John said since the budget discussion will occur at the November meeting, the group should decide if they want to increase the hours for this position from 400 to 500 hours. This will give more hours to the WUT position. First the group must decide to increase the hours, then ask for funding for the increase. By Town Meeting, the WUT program will have run a few events and proven the program's success. The money requested to fund the position does not include any monies needed to fund the activities.

The group needs to plan ahead for the coordinator position, so a vote is needed.

Judith made a motion to increase the hours of the Youth Activities Coordinator position from 400 to 500 hours. Corbin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:30 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – November 10, 2014 at 7:30 PM.