# YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

Westborough Youth and Family Services Office Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building 45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA June 8, 2015 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

#### YOUTH COMMISION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tim Barton, Patricia Ainsleigh, Lauren Schiffman, Judith Tully, Gerad Sockol, Jorge Nario, Meredith Wolpert,

#### YOUTH COMMISION VOLUNTEERS PRESENT: Oscar Najarian

ABSENT: Jennifer Lencioni, Corbin Whitaker, Arpita Joyce, Robert Stout, Daniel Moon,

WYFS: John Badenhausen, Director Cathy Cairns, Admin. Asst.

## 7:30 PM: MEETING OPENED

Judith called the meeting to order. The May 2015 minutes were reviewed and corrected. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Lauren seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

## 7:35 PM: YOUTH REPORT

Project Graduation, held at Teamworks, went very well and the students had a lot of fun. They said it was great for all of the seniors to get together one last time in an alcohol and drug-free environment. They said about 95% of the seniors attended. Some of the highlights were sports games, a hypnotist, a bounce house and plenty of food.

The Junior Prom was held at Mechanics Hall and the Senior Ball was held at Gillette Stadium.

Final exams are next week and school ends on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 7:40 PM: YC CANDIDATES

YC members Corbin and Robert (who were not present at the meeting) sent emails stating their thoughts about the YC candidates,

The seven YC candidates are: Natalie Baillargeon, Paris Ghazi, Wonjae Jang, Evan Frye, Luara El-Dine, Mridhu Khanna, and Campbell Brown.

The group discussed the candidates. They wanted YC members who will support the mission and goals of the YC, and who will be able to promote the YC. They decided to recommend Evan Frye, who is a hard-worker, an Eagle Scout and a student who shows good leadership skills in the community. They will also recommend Campbell Brown, who has done good work on Student Council, and is outgoing and capable of promoting the YC.

Tim made a motion to recommend Evan Frye and Campbell Brown to the Board of Selectmen as the YC members' choices for incoming YC members. Lauren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Judith will write a letter to the BofS, on behalf of the YC, stating that the YC members voted unanimously to recommend Evan Frye and Campbell Brown to the BofS for the open voting positions on the YC.

# 8:00 PM: 2015 SERVICE LEVEL STUDY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The 2015 Service Level Study Committee members were appointed on May 15. The members are: Phil Kittredge, Carolyn Spring, John McCann, Craig Harris and Peg Kayser. They met for the first time on June 2. Carolyn Spring was elected chairperson. Their meetings are public, so anyone can attend. We will ask for a copy of their minutes when they are posted.

The School Committee, IYS, and various interfaith groups are going to write letters to the committee stating how WYFS services have benefitted their organizations.

## 8:10 PM: OTHER BUSINESS

A LGBTQ group is forming in town. They plan to have speakers in the future. Anyone interested in more information can contact Judith for more info: <u>tullymcman@aol.com</u>

## 8:20 PM: CELEBRATING THE SENIORS

The group enjoyed chocolate cake provided by Judith to celebrate the senior YC members who have graduated.

## 8:30 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

# NEXT MEETING – September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.