

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

Third Floor Conference Room
Forbes Municipal Building
45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA

February 29, 2016

7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Tully, Tim Barton, Jennifer Lencioni, Patricia Ainsleigh, Lauren Schiffman, Jorge Nario, Evan Frye, Luara El-Dine, Paris Ghazi, Wonjae Jang, Mridhu Khanna, Natalie Baillargeon, Paris Ghazi, Campbell Brown, Daniel Moon

YOUTH COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS PRESENT: Oscar Najarian

ABSENT: Arpita Joyce

WYFS: John Badenhause, Director and Robert Brown What's Up Tonight Coordinator

7:30 PM: MEETING OPENED

Judith called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved from January.

7:34 PM: YOUTH REPORT

WHS Girls Hockey team will be entered in the playoffs. WHS students are making course selections for next year's classes. The play Once Upon Mattress will have performances March 4th-6th at WHS. SAT will also be taking place on March 5th. Induction to NHS will take place on March 7th. Global Language Week is March 8th. WHS school/ town wide discussion of the community read book, Alice Bliss is to take place on April 7th with Author Laura Harrington at WHS. WHS will also be holding a Science Fair March 11th and will offer a Henna fundraiser at the fair.

Science Olympiad state competition will take place March 19th. The Student Council will be holding a lip-synch event in honor of past teacher Ann Piscia and also participate in Minute to Win It Event. Senior hypnotist show will take place March 20th at the WHS.

7:42 PM: CHARTER RECOMMENDATIONS

Goal is to edit organizational structure of the charter to invest, giving more power in the Town Manager. Department heads would now be appointed and evaluated by the Town Manager. This raises the question of the purpose of the advisory

boards such as the Youth and Family Services. A meeting will be held March 1st at 7:00pm to act as a public forum for the charter revision. It is important to have the Youth Commission members present to have a voice and be heard with the goal for the long term betterment of Westborough. Youth Commission will propose amendment to section 5-2(c) Oscar proposed to present the amendment as a line item proposal. This will be brought forth to the registered voters to vote on at town meeting.

8:02PM WHAT'S UP TONIGHT

Robert Brown had a productive brainstorming session on Thursday, February 25th. Some of the suggested activities were bad mitten competition, mini golf competition and a potential end of the season Six-Flags event. Youth members are all involved with planning they hope to meet frequently and will also stay in contact though email. At Town meeting it will be brought up to increase the What's Up Tonight staff hours from 400 to 500. The importance of having a voting Youth Commission member at town meeting was talked about.

8:17 PM ADVISORY FINANCE COMMITTEE

We presented the change in hours to the Finance Committee for the What's Up Tonight Coordinator. The Finance Committee was receptive and impressed with how well spoken our Youth Commission members were.

8:17 PM FORBES RENOVATION

Maps of the Forbes renovation project were provided of the current 3rd floor plan and proposed 3rd floor renovation plan. Previous space given was 1,200 square feet, and proposed has been reduced to 925 square feet. Current department space is 985 square feet. Goal is to establish more direct contact with the architect to voice the needs of the YFS department. Space adjustment for the YFS office will be brought before the residence at town meeting.

8:35PM OTHER BUSINESS

Youth Commission will not be meeting before the town meeting

8:40 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – April 11th, 7:30 PM