

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

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

January 11, 2016

7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

YOUTH COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS PRESENT: Oscar Najarian

ABSENT: Lauren Schiffman, Daniel Moon, Evan Frye

WYFS: John Badenhausen, Director and Julia O'Neil-Welch, Administrative Assistant

7:30 PM: MEETING OPENED

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

7:34 PM: YOUTH REPORT

WHS midterms are January 20th-25th. All the students have been preparing for the exams. A Midterm Survival Program has been put in place for freshman at WHS. The program pairs freshman students with upper classmen to help ease the stress of the upcoming exams. Senior chorus districts are this week, and a music festival with local town participation will be held this Saturday, January 16th. All college applications are in at this point for early decision and students are just waiting to hear back. Judith talked about the stress students have with school exams and standardized testing. Judith also spoke of how students should take both the SAT and ACT tests. She explained that each test is set up differently and many students that do not do as well on the SAT test may do very well on the ACT test.

7:40 PM: FY 2017 Budget Review

John reported the FY 2017 Budget would operate at the same finances. The increase of hours for the Youth Activities Coordinator position had not been recommended by the Town Manager for the increase in hours from 400 to 500.

7:55 PM: 2015 SERVICE LEVEL STUDY COMMITTEE UPDATE

January 12th there will be a Selectmen's Meeting at 6:30 in the Memorial Hall at the Town Hall the Service Level Committee will be presenting at about 7:10pm. Everyone was encouraged to be present at this meeting. Other Departments under review are the Animal Control Officer and the Historical Commission. Judith said she had reviewed the SLC recommendations and found they had done a good job on gathering the information and reporting the findings for the YFS Department.

8:05PM WHAT'S UP TONIGHT

Youth Commission members plan to help with the interviewing process for the Youth Activities Coordinator position. John mentioned one application had been received at this point. Candidates have till January 20th to get applications in.

8:15PM OTHER BUSINESS

Judith spoke of an upcoming In Your Shoes Fundraiser on Friday February 5th at 7:30 at the Knights of Columbus in Westborough. In Your Shoes has been giving out assistance to many families and individuals.

John spoke of the upcoming Opioid Community Awareness Forum that will take place January 25th at Algonquin High school. The YFS will have a table there with information about our WYFS services.

8:25 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – Monday, February 8th 7:30 PM