

Town of East Haven, CT  
Youth Services Commission Minutes  
November 10, 2010; Teen Center, 78 Frontage Road, East Haven  
CT; 7:00PM

Youth Services Commissioner Mike D'Amato called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Al Camera, CJ Cofrancesco, Mary Cofrancesco, Mike D'Amato, Rob Fucci, Emily Kuzma, Chuck Licata, Cindy Recinos, Mary Varunes.

Commissioners Absent: None

Non-Commissioners present: Keith Bouve', Chris Bouve', Kelly Smith, Bob Petrucelli

Agenda Item- To Consider and Approve the October 13, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner D'Amato asked if there were any changes to the October 13, 2010 Youth Service Commission minutes. Mr. Petrucelli noted that a spelling correction needs to be made to the October 13, 2010 minutes. Commissioner Mary Cofrancesco made a **Motion** to accept October 13, 2010 minutes with that correction. Seconded by Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco.

Agenda Item- Teen Center Fundraising Event

Commissioner D'Amato updated the commission on a meeting that was held with Town Finance Director Thomas Thompson, Account Supervisor James Keely, Keith Bouve' and Bob Petrucelli. Mr. Petrucelli has been added as a second signature to the Webster Bank fundraising account. All copies of bank statements will be provided to Mr. Petrucelli by Mr. Bouve' and will shared with the Commission and Finance Director. As of now Mr. Bouve',

his wife and a friend comprise the concert committee. To date \$ 875.77 is in the Webster bank account. Commissioner Licata attended a town council meeting that featured discussion on policies for groups to use town property without many of the expenses Mr. Bouve' occurred for the October concert on the green. Mr. Bouve' noted that Linda Monico stopped by and made a \$50.00 donation and enjoyed the kids so much she asked if they would play at her Election Day party. \$153.00 was raised. Commissioner Licata asked what the plans for the future and the next event were. The goal is to raise enough money to purchase used equipment for a sound stage, lights and a stage allowing local bands to play at the teen center without having to rent this equipment each time. The next fundraising event will be held at EHHS on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 featuring 5 bands with a Van Halen cover band, admission to the event will be \$5.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. There is also VIP seating and tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Tickets will be sold at EHHS and JMMS, as well as East Haven Ice Rink. Posters will be hung in both schools to advertise and will also be on ETV. Discussion about fees for security, maintenance, custodians, and a site supervisor needed the night of the event. Mr. Bouve' will try to have these fees waved by the BOE. Discussion about the structure of the fundraising committee in its relationship with the Youth Service Commission making it a subcommittee. Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco suggested having someone from the commission to chair the sub concert committee. This idea will be tabled until the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Bouve' is looking for volunteers to help out with this event, possibly having students earn community service hours for graduation. Mr Bouve' gave Mr. Petrucelli 120 tickets to distribute to the commissioners.

Mr. Petrucelli passed out a packet with information regarding a joint fundraiser to be held at the AMF Circle Lanes. The date is to be discussed with the commissioners and Animal Control Officer Owen Little. All monies will be split between the animal shelter and teen center.

#### Agenda Item-Teen Center Program

Commissioner Camera talked with Mr. Vaspasino from the EHHS on how to get high school students to attend events at the East Haven Teen Center. Commissioner Emily Kuzma thought maybe it was the name of the Center. Commissioner Kuzma and Commissioner Fucci thought a vote to rename the Teen Center would be a good idea. Commissioner Camera also wanted

to discuss the talk about rental of the Teen Center for parties. Mr. Petrucelli will check again with the Town Attorney. Commissioner Emily Kuzma suggested a Dance Dance Revolution night, Game night, or a fashion show for the high school students. Commissioner Licata thought maybe a casino night or having a Super Bowl party. Commissioner Licata would like to host a Parent Night which would allow communication and all parents an opportunity to visit the Teen Center.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

As one of the student liaison to the BOE Commissioner Fucci spoke in favor of allowing for a substance abuse survey approved to be conducted in graders 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. The BOE unanimously voted to conduct this survey coordinated by the YS Commission/Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking.

Agenda Item- Other

Mr. Petrucelli shared with the commission that the AT&T grant for 10,000 to be used at the Teen Center is still on track for funding.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 P.M. was made by CJ Cofrancesco, Seconded by Emily Kuzma. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly Smith*

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Recording Secretary