

Town of East Haven, Ct
Youth Services Commission Minutes
September 9, 2009;
Town of East Haven Beach House,
Cosey Beach Avenue; 7:00PM

Youth Services Commission Chairperson Mike D'Amato called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Al Camera, CJ Cofrancesco, Mike D'Amato, Robert Fucci, Emily Kuzma, Cindy Recinos, Mary Varunes, Mary Cofrancesco

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Licata

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli

Agenda Item- To Consider and Approve the June 10, 2009 Minutes

Commission Chair D'Amato asked if there were any changes to the June minutes. Two minor punctuation errors were reported. Commissioner Kuzma made a Motion to accept June 10, 2009 minutes with these two corrections. Seconded by Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco.

Agenda Item- Grants Update

Commission Chair D'Amato reported no new information on the Police and Youth grant the East Haven Police Department was awarded. The grant award is for \$9000.00. The program will be starting in the fall.

Commissioner D'Amato and Bob Petrucelli will meet to coordinate the program. Bob Petrucelli reported that with the State of Connecticut budget being finalized the Local Prevention Council grant program the Youth Services Commission will coordinate will need to be discussed at future Commission meetings. No timeframe at this point as to when this grant application will be available.

Agenda Item-Update of ETV Project

Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco and Commissioner Fucci updated the Commission on the ETV project. The first series of tapings for the talent show have occurred. An email account was set up for town residents to vote for their favorite acts. The edited footage is airing on ETV on a regular basis. With permission the footage will also be on the Town's website. The plan is to recruit teens to participate in future talent show segments through the schools. Being an election year another program idea is for a question and answer session with Mayor April Capone Almon and Mr. Finkle with the questions submitted by teens. The ETV group will be meeting on Saturday at the Fall Festival to tape and interview the people involved with the Festival.

Agenda Item-Update on Teen Center Facility

Bob Petrucelli reported information has been forwarded to the Town Attorney regarding the possible lease of space for a new Teen Center facility. Commissioners Camera and Varunes will send Bob Petrucelli school scheduling information so a 2009-2010 Teen Center schedule can be developed. The Teen Center begins in October. No other new information at this time.

Agenda Item-Discussion of Fall Festival

Discussion on the activities for the Fall Festival this weekend. Commission members and Teen Center staff will be coordinating the activities at Teen Corner. COMCAST will not be sponsoring the Teen Corner this year. East Haven resident Clem Laurello has generously donated financially to sponsor the Teen Corner this year. The Teen Corner will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings. Activities will include a karaoke contest, Rock Band play, laser tag, small and large art projects, a gold leaf scavenger hunt and cooperative games.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

No report.

Agenda Item-Other

Commissioner Varunes reported the Family Resource Centers have been fully funded in the new State of Connecticut budget. She thanked all who advocated for the FRC's including the East Haven Town Council.

Congratulations to Commissioner Al Camera on being selected as one of this year Merit Award winners. The Merit Award dinner is Thursday evening.

The Commission does not have teen representation from the Joseph Melillo Middle School. Commissioners Kuzma and Recinos are now at the high school. The Youth Service Commission terms are not staggered; each Commissioner has the same three year term.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. was made by Commissioner Kuzma, Seconded by Commissioner Fucci. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Petrucelli