

Town of East Haven, CT
Youth Services Commission Minutes
February 9, 2011; Teen Center, 78 Frontage Road, East Haven CT;
7:00PM

Youth Services Commissioner Mike D'Amato called the meeting to order at 7:12 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: Bob Petrucelli, Kelly Smith

Agenda Item- To Consider and Approve the December 8, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner D'Amato asked if there were any changes to the December 8, 2010 Youth Service Commission minutes. Commissioner Mary Varunes made a **Motion** to accept December 8, 2010 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Cindy Recinos.

Agenda Item- To set 2011 Youth Service Commission meeting schedule

A **Motion** to accept the proposed 2011 meeting schedule was made by Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco, seconded by Commissioner Emily Kuzma. **Motion** passed unanimously. Meeting will remain on the second Wednesday of each month. No meetings in July and August.

Agenda Item-Teen Center Program Update

Mr. Petrucelli closed the Teen Center Concert Committee Account at New Alliance Bank. A check was made payable to the Town of East Haven in the amount of \$2,084.00. This check will be placed into the teen center's new special revenue account. Mr. Petrucelli will send out a letter thanking Mr. Bouve' for all his hard work. The special revenue account can have monies added to it at anytime. Mr. Petrucelli noted that we will be adding to this revenue account with the money from the recycling at the Teen Center. Any other funds generated through fundraising will also be put into this account.

Mr. Petrucelli stated the AT&T grant money for \$10,000.00 was received this week. He asked the commissioners to think about what they would like to spend this money on. Discussion of Laptop computers and portable equipment were mentioned. Mr. Petrucelli would also like to consider expanding the teen center programs. Mr. Petrucelli and commissioner Licata will be picking up a donated 50 inch Flat screen T.V. this week. Mr. Petrucelli mentioned that he will explore having AT&T install wireless connections for laptops at the center. Possibility of having 6 or more work stations for students. Commissioner Mary Cofrancesco thought having one printer hooked up to computers would be a good idea. Commissioner Kuzma mentioned Best Buddies program for kids with special needs based at EHHS.

Discussion on hosting an Open House for parents and 6th grade students. Commissioner Camera expressed a definite need for this event for 6th grade students. This event will be scheduled for March 11th. This event would be a 2 hour event from 7-9 p.m. and would have chaperones as well the possibility of High School students that might want to earn some community services hours. Commissioner Licata mentioned he would like to have all schools notified especially St. Vincent DePaul. Mr. Petrucelli will be sending out a flyer to all schools and parents of 6th grade students. There would be no charge for this Open House event. Commissioner Mary Varunes would like to have a set of Rules and Regulations posted in the Teen Center for all students to see. Mr. Petrucelli would also like to have students use the teen center over February school vacation.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco discussed his efforts to date on organizing a High School mixer to be held at the East Haven Teen Center. Mr. Petrucelli asked Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco to plan this event with the help of the other teen commissioners. An initial amount of \$750.00 was budgeted for this event to include food, drinks, decorations, and a DJ. This event would be opened to all East Haven residents that are students in any High School. Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco mentioned having students show school ID's to enter. An extra duty police officer will be hired for the event. Commissioners Fucci and Kuzma thought the event would appeal more to freshmen and sophomores. Tickets would be sold for this event. The event would be held on March 18th 2011 at a time to be announced.

Commissioner Recinos would like to host a College Career Day at the Teen Center or a Career Choice Event.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. was made by CJ Cofrancesco, Seconded by Emily Kuzma. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Smith

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Recording Secretary