

Town of East Haven, CT.
Youth Services Commission Minutes
January 21, 2015; Teen Center, 200 Tyler Street, East Haven CT;
7:00PM

Chairperson Al Camera called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Present: Al Camera, Amanda Hopkins, Michele Lucatino, Mary Varunes, Ed Wajdowicz.

Commissioners Absent: CJ Cofrancesco, Chuck Licata, Bianca Pappacoda, Adam Perrotti.

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Kelly Smith.

Agenda Item-To consider and approve the December 10, 2014 minutes

Chairperson Camera asked if there were any changes to the December 10, 2014 minutes. A Motion to accept the December 10, 2014 minutes was made by Commissioner Wajdowicz , seconded by Commissioner Varunes. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item To set the 2015-2016 YS Commission meeting Schedule

Mr. Petrucelli stated the commission needs to set the 2015YS Commission meeting schedule per the (FOI) Freedom of Information Act. The commission meets the second Wednesday of every month, with the exception of November due to Veterans Day. The proposed YS Commission schedule is as follows:

January 21, 2015	July –OFF	January 13, 2016
February 11, 2015	August- OFF	
March 11, 2015	September 9, 2015	
April 8, 2015	October 14, 2015	
May 13, 2015	November 18, 2015	
June 10, 2015	December 9, 2015	

A **Motion** to accept the YS Commission Schedule for 2015-2016 was made by Commissioner Varnues, seconded by Commissioner Wadjowicz. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item-Teen Center Schedule Discussion

Commissioner Hopkins and Commissioner Camera both stated that students are very interested in attending another teen center event. Open discussion about new ideas for upcoming events. Commissioner Lucatino suggested a “Game Show Mania” and will be looking into the cost for this kind of event as well as looking at some potential dates to host it. Commissioner Lucatino also suggested Extreme Bingo or “Bingo after Dark” which would be open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students Mr. Petrucelli will follow up with Rick Raffone at Bidy Basketball to see if and when the teen center could use the gymnasium again. Commissioner Hopkins suggested a possible bowling night at Circle Lanes, and will follow up with potential dates and packages that would be available for the teen center. All commissioners will follow up through e-mails in the next few weeks on any information gathered. Discussion about having a scavenger hunts for each grade as well possibly at the annual picnic.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report-

Teen Commissioner Hopkins stated that students are very interested in the teen center.

To consider and act upon any matter brought before the Commission-

Mr. Petrucelli congratulated and informed the commission that Teen Commissioner Amanda Hopkins was accepted into Sacred Heart High School next year. Mr. Petrucelli also mentioned that three commissioner’s terms will be coming to an end on 2/1/2015. Elections will be held in March for Chair and Vice Chair positions. Commissioner Varnues stated to that the East Haven Partnership to Reduce Underage Drinking will be partnering SADD is hosting a fundraiser at the EHHS and volunteers are needed. This event is a Basketball game “Harlem Wizards” vs. EHHS staff on March 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10 at the door.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m. was made by Commissioner Varnues, Seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Smith
Recording Secretary