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Town of East Haven, CT

TOWN CLERK

Youth Services Commission Minutes

February 12, 2020; Town Hall, 250 Main St, East Haven CT; 7:00PM

Chairperson Camera called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Agenda Item - Roll Call

Present: Mary Varunes, Ed Wajdowicz, Al Camera, Anthony Arcangelo, Michele Lucatino, Chuck Licata, Kassidy Griffin

Commissioners Absent: Joseph Esposito

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Jessica Santos, Jess Trickett, Lexi Scicchitano from SCSU, Samantha Parlato of the East Haven Town Council

Agenda Item - To consider and approve the November 20th minutes

Commissioner Varunes made a motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner Arcangelo. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item – Welcoming new Commissioner Kassidy Griffin

Chairperson Camera welcomed the new Commissioner Kassidy Griffin and introduced her to everyone. He then explained to her what the Commission does and spoke briefly about the Teen Center.

Agenda Item – Teen Center staff update

Bob Petrucelli spoke about how he has become the new Director of the East Haven Senior Center and going forward he will no longer be the director of Youth Services, therefor will no longer be involved in the Youth Services Commission. He will, hopefully, introduce the new Youth Service director at the next meeting in March.

Commissioner Varunes congratulated Mr. Petrucelli and he received congratulations from the rest of the Commission and guests as well.

Commissioner Camera also congratulated Mr. Petrucelli and spoke a few words about working with him since the 90s and how he will be missed.

Teen Center Update

Commissioners Camera and Varunes spoke about future location for the Teen Center and hopefully finding a space soon. Commissioner Griffin mentioned scouting store spaces in town for the new Teen Center location.

Commissioner Camera met with Michelle Benivegna regarding setting up a display on the history of East Haven and its landmarks.

Commissioner Licata suggested a project for the teens painting garbage cans for the beach, in summer themes, to put out at the East Haven Town Beach.

Councilperson Parlato mentioned Joseph Deko has something in the works with the Momauguin Association similar to this for 2020.

Commissioner Wajdowicz mentioned Jordan's for a possible Teen Center event, Commissioner Griffin suggested Urban Air, Jess Trickett suggested the Sportsplex in North Branford and I, Jessica Santos, suggested renting out an Escape Room as only small groups can participate at a time. Councilperson Parlato suggested a small cook-out type lunch at the Escape Room to make it an all-day event so no one misses out on being able to participate.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

Nothing to report

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

Commissioner Griffin brought up an idea of possibly doing an art show, similar to the one on May 5th, to highlight artists specific area of talent and hard work.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. was made by Commissioner Lucatino, seconded by Commissioner Wajdowicz. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Griffin', written in a cursive style.