

Town of East Haven, CT
Youth Services Commission Minutes
January 11, 2012; Teen Center,
78 Frontage Road, East Haven CT; 7:00PM

Youth Services Commissioner Chuck Licata called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Present: Al Camera, CJ Cofrancesco, Mary Cofrancesco, Emily Kuzma, Chuck Licata, Cindy Recinos, Mary Varunes.

Commissioners Absent: Rob Fucci

Non-Commissioners present: Kelly Smith, Bob Petrucelli

Agenda Item- To Consider and Approve the November 9, 2011 Minutes

Commissioner Chuck Licata asked if there were any changes to the November 9, 2011 Youth Service Commission minutes. Commissioner Chuck Licata asked for a Motion to accept November 9, 2011 minutes. Commissioner Mary Varunes made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco to accept the November 9, 2011 minutes as written.

Agenda Item- YS Commission Officer Election Update

Mr. Petrucelli noted that with Chair-Person Commissioner D'Amato's retirement, there would be a need for an election to be held. At this time Commissioner Camera has expressed an interest in becoming Chair-Person and Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco expressed in the co-chairperson position. Commissioner Camera. Commissioner Varunes made a Motion to accept this slate of officers. Seconded by commissioner Cindy Recinos. Passed unanimously. Mr. Petrucelli congratulated Commissioners Camera and CJ Cofrancesco on their new appointed roles with the Youth Services Commission. Commissioner Camera chaired the meeting from this point on.

Agenda Item-2012 Youth Service Commission Meeting Schedule

Mr. Petrucelli handed out a new schedule for the commissioners to view for the upcoming year. Every year a schedule needs to be set and filed with the Town Clerk's office and the State of Connecticut. Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco made a **Motion** to accept the meeting schedule for 2012 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mary Varunes. All in favor.

Agenda Item-New Youth Service Commission Member Discussion

Commissioner Chairperson Al Camera spoke to the commissioners about a few residents in town that would be good candidates. Mr. Ed Wajdowicz is very active in our community and interested in becoming a commissioner. The process for recommending new members to the Mayor for his approval needs to be found out. Commissioners Camera and Licata along with Mr. Petrucelli would like to set up a meeting with the Mayor to talk about the YS Commission and teen center program. The Youth Service Commission is made of nine commissioners (5) adults, (4) Teens. Meetings are open to the public and Commissioner Camera encourages anyone interested to attend. Commissioner Rob Fucci will be resigning do to a school schedule conflict at UNH. Teens Bianca Pappacoda, Katie Ambrocio, Frank Camera and Ryan Massimino are possible replacements.

Agenda Item-Ivette Ruiz Program Update

Mr. Petrucelli has been in contact with Ivette Ruiz over the past several months. Ms. Ruiz would like to host a 2 hour event at the Teen Center. Ms. Ruiz has provided Mr. Petrucelli and the Commission with a list of possible topics. These workshops are interactive. Commissioner Camera asked; "What is the best way to achieve this?" Commissioner Camera asked if the YS Commission could sponsor an event like this at the EHHS. Could it possibly be an assembly for students at the JMMS also? Commissioner Mary Cofrancesco thinks that the YS Commission should host it at the Teen Center. Commissioner Mary Cofrancesco believes this would help promote the Teen Center and its programs. Commissioner Mary Cofrancesco states that we are not a school program and that we should be reaching out to the community through the Teen Center. Mr. Petrucelli said that we don't have to chose one or the other. Mr. Petrucelli asked Youth Commissioners CJ

Cofrancesco, Emily Kuzma and Cindy Recinos to pick out a topic that they believe would interest their peers. Choice of topic was Cyber-Bullying and Sexting.

Agenda Item-Teen Center Program Update

Mr. Petrucelli spoke to the commission about the dropping number in teen's attendance. Mr. Petrucelli stated teens have mentioned their dislike in the music that is played and that dirty dancing is not allowed by the chaperones. Commissioner Mary Cofrancesco suggested when the schools hold their Back to School night, having a representative from the commission talking to the parents about the program. Commissioner Mary Cofrancesco also suggested the possibility of having a guest DJ's at different events, or even the possibility of a high school student being a DJ at one or two events.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

Commissioners Kuzma and Recinos would like to talk to Mr. Miles at the EHHS to see if he could recommend a student to DJ at the Teen Center. Also how can they advertise this to students?

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

None at this time.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:06P.M. Was made by CJ Cofrancesco, Seconded by Emily Kuzma, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Smith
Recording Secretary

