

Town of East Haven, CT  
Youth Services Commission Minutes  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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, Joseph Esposito, Al Camera, Anthony Arcangelo

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Licata, Michele Lucatino

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Jessica Santos

**Agenda Item - To consider and approve the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Varunes to accept the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes as written, Seconded by Commissioner Wajdowicz. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item - To set and approve the 2020-2021 YS Commission meeting schedule**

Mr. Petrucelli discussed 2020-2021 schedule to be set for every second Wednesday of the month. The schedule will be as follows:

- January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020
- February 12<sup>th</sup> 2020
- March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020
- April 8<sup>th</sup> 2020
- May 6<sup>th</sup> 2020
- June 10<sup>th</sup> 2020
- July 2020 – **none**
- August 2020 – **none**
- September 9<sup>th</sup> 2020
- October 14<sup>th</sup> 2020
- November 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday due to Veteran's day)

- December 9<sup>th</sup> 2020
- January 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

A motion to accept 2020-2021 YS Commission schedule was made by Commissioner Esposito, seconded by Commissioner Arcangelo. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Item - New Teen Commissioner Discussion**

Mr. Petrucelli spoke about how Joseph Deko, Chair of the Town Council, used to be on the Youth Advisory Board which later became the Youth Services Commission. He is very interested in the Commission and would like to attend an upcoming meeting to meet everyone. Michelle Benivegna, Administration & Management, has also expressed her interest in the YS Commission.

Chairperson Camera discussed the possible candidates, middle school students, that are interested in filling the two open spots on the Commission. He will reach out to Joseph Deko, as Mr. Deko as reached out to him, to set up a meeting to meet Commission, the new members and also introduce them to the new Mayor, Joseph Carfora.

Commissioner Varunes suggested creating a flyer to explain the purpose of the YS Commission and their involvement with different programs around town to gain people's interest in the Commission and the Teen Center.

Some other ideas discussed were taking a photo for the Patch and Town of East Haven website of the Commission and setting up a meet and great with everyone.

### **Agenda Item - Teen Center Update**

Chairperson Camera cleared it with staff at the middle school to be able to use the ovens in the home economics room for the upcoming Teen Center event, where the students would be baking and decorating cookies. There is no set date yet but Chairperson Camera and the Commission intend to set one for early February.

### **Agenda Item - Teen Commissioners Report**

Commissioner Arcangelo mentioned some kids that are interested in the Commission.

Commissioner Esposito stated there is still an issue of kids vaping at the High School.

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

Mr. Pertrucelli mentioned to, and invited, the members of the Commission to the Town Hall Holiday on Friday January 10<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. was made by Commissioner Varunes, seconded by Commissioner Esposito. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jessica Santos*