

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

Recreation Division

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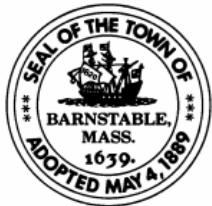
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BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION

June 10, 2015 Minutes

A quorum being duly present, **Chairman Samuel Spillane** called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Present: Samuel Spillane (Chairman), Brendan W. Clark (Vice-Chairman), Patti Machado (Leisure Services Director), Lianna Mitchell, Emily Mannal, Matt Hersey and Jeniffer Cullum (Town Council Liaison).

Absent: Jen Ellis (Police Officer), Bobbi Moritz (Barnstable County Resource Officer), Kathleen Murtaugh, George Noonan (Program Coordinator), Carrie Osborn, James Sturgis (Police Officer), Harrison McDonald, Georgina Duffy-Hetzel, Michael Hersey (Adult Advisor), Jeanne Challies (Police Officer).

Public Comment: None

New Business: **Scott Fitzgerald**, Chairman of the Human Services Committee, commended the Youth Commission on the Youth Summit. The Human Services Committee is reaching out to see if the Commission would like to participate in a joint session over the summer months – target the addiction problem. Gloucester Police has started an initiative where folks with addiction problems are able to go into the PD and turn in their drug paraphernalia without any criminal charges. Scott would like to move forward with the same program in Barnstable. **Brendan** expressed interest in meeting and moving forward with this program. Discussion ruled a night meeting in the third week of July works best for the Commission. Scott will contact Gloucester PD and get back to the Commission with a date and time.

Old Business:

A. Youth Summit: Patti sent out the surveys and list of contacts to the Commission. Reach out to them with an invite to a get together at Veteran's Beach over the summer.

B. M.G.L.A. Bill – Brendan has only heard that they will keep in touch with him regarding dates that might be available to meet over the summer months.

C. Initiative to Rid the Town of Synthetic Drugs – meeting Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 6:30 at the Barnstable Police Station. Brendan will attend – others are encouraged to attend as well. **Jen** reported those attending will be: Yarmouth Police Chief, Tom McKean, Community Impact Unit, Hyannis Civic Association, Chamber of Commerce, Noah Shelter, Elizabeth Wurf bain, Pat Clark and Chief McDonald. To bring structure to the meeting **Jen** will assign everyone a mini project on how she feels they can contribute to the initiative. Youth Commission can design the sticker program.

D. Robert's Rules – trying to incorporate these at each meeting. Workshops may be offered in the future. **Patti** reinforced the need to stay focused and professional at these meetings.

E. Fall Festival - **Lianna** suggested it taking place on Main Street, Hyannis. **Patti** suggested contacting BID to run in conjunction with their festival. Need to plan this over the Summer months to be ready for the Fall. **Jen** will send an e-mail to Elizabeth Wurfbain and “cc” Lianna.

F. Wellness cuts – **Brendan and Patti** met with Student Council and school officials – worked through some differences. It’s hopeful that next year the School Committee will hold school budget meetings with the students prior to budget hearings with Town Council.

G. Brendan and Emily offered to meet with students at BIS to speak about the Commission – **Patti** recommends calling and mailing a postcard to all those who stated interest and invite them to a picnic. This alerts the parents that their children have expressed an interest in the program. **Lianna** suggested a personal touch first via a phone call. Then mail the postcard. **Final comment** – a separate workshop will be held to discuss the procedure to move forward.

New Business:

A. Election of Officers: **Sam** made a motion to nominate **Brendan Clark** for Chairman, **Matt** seconded it. **Brendan** accepted. **Brendan** made a motion to nominate **Lianna Mitchell** for Vice-Chair; **Emily** nominated **Matt Hersey** for Vice-Chair. **Lianna** and **Matt** accepted. Voting closed. Roll call vote for Chairman – Unanimous for **Brendan**. Roll call for Vice-Chair – **Lianna** won.

B. 2015 – 2016 Meetings:

Location: Suggestion of Town Hall Hearing Room or Selectman’s Conference Room or other areas within Town Hall

Time and Day: To be determined.

C. Summer meeting dates – will come via e-mail from Brendan. Please text if you are **not** able to attend any meeting.

Liaison Reports – None

Next meeting – Second week of September – date to be determined.

Brendan Clark made a motion to adjourn. **Matt Hersey** seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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