

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

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BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION

October 14, 2015 Minutes

A quorum being duly present, **Chairman Brendan Clark** called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Present: Brendan W. Clark (Chairman), Jen Cullum (Town Council Liaison), Carrie Osborn, Molly Autery, Lily Sethares, Sean Smith, Caleb Sonnabend, Allison Wolfe, Emma Mannal, Jeanne Challies (Police Officer), and Lynne Poyant (Director of Community Services)

Absent: Jen Ellis (Police Officer), Bobbi Moritz (Barnstable County Resource Officer), Kathleen Murtaugh, George Noonan (Program Coordinator), James Sturgis (Police Officer), Michael Hersey (Adult Advisor), Matthew Hersey, Alliana DeBarros, and Jeanne Challies (Police Officer), Patti Machado (Leisure Services Director),

Public Comment: **Christian Mitchell**, Director of Community Services for Commonwealth of MA – Dept of Youth Services, in attendance to introduce himself and gather information on services available for youth on the Cape.

Old Business:

A. Youth Summit Thank You Notes: No update. Going forward, Commission will work on getting thank you notes out within a two week period.

B. Updates on Synthetic Marijuana Efforts: **Jeannie Challies** reported that the PD is getting voluntary compliance with the merchants. Citations are curbing. **Jeannie** will bring samples of “spice” packets to the next Commission meeting so members can see how they are being packaged. **Brendan** will add a “Spice Education Session” to a future agenda. **Jeannie** suggested researching if videos are available portraying a person under the influence of “spice” to show during the education session. **Christian** spoke of his familiarity of kids with mental health issues not knowing the effects or dangers of this “drug”.

C. Commission Application Process Updates: **Carrie** has been approved; **Caleb, Alison, Sean and Lily** will be going in front of the Town Council on October 15, 2015. **Molly** will be going in front of Town Council at the November meeting. **Jen**, with Ruth Weil, is working on increasing the maximum on Commission Members. This will, hopefully, allow for a quorum at each meeting by allowing members to still participate in their extra curricular activities.

D. Youth Summit Updates: A brief discussion was held at the workshop regarding the subcommittees. (See second page of agenda.) Review the subcommittees list, choose which one(s) interest you and bring that to the next workshop. The workshop is the place to have jam sessions to discuss and gain ideas.

New Business:

A. Review of Robert’s Rules of Order: **Brendan** spoke with **Michael Hersey** who gave comments regarding Robert’s Rules on the previous meeting being somewhat relaxed. As the meetings progress, the Rules will be applied as the Commission becomes more comfortable with them. **Brendan** asked that comments stay focused and on task.

B. Youth Summit Venues and Dates: Lynne reported that Carrie and Sean suggested a logo design contest be held with the students at the Intermediate School for the design of the 2016 Youth Summit brochure. Lynne has received quotes from the Cape Codder, to include food this year which raises the expense. Brendan and Lynne discussed putting together a presentation to seek out a major donor to sponsor the Summit. The DA's office and Cape Cod Healthcare are already on board to offer their support. Jen feels confident that Cheryl Bartlett will assist as well. **March 3 and 4, 2015** are the chosen dates. Brendan will prepare expense sheets comparing one night vs. two.

C. Youth Summit Workshop Schedules: Sub-Committees meeting outside the workshop must post agendas. Members of the sub-committees may elect their chairperson. Any discussions via e-mail please "cc" Brendan. Per Open Meeting Laws – when e-mailing, discussions cannot take place – discussions may only take place at a meeting. Brendan will supply policies regarding posting agendas.

D. Youth Summit Breakout Group Reports: Sub-committees will discuss specific ideas/thoughts – prepare reports and bring these to the Commission.

E. Liaison Position Establishment Updates: Carrie asked for a list of Committees seeking liaisons. Brendan will e-mail this list.

F. Commission Participation in Civic Associations: This provides a great opportunity to interact with different organizations/towns within Barnstable. Brendan will get a list of the times and days of these meetings. Jen suggested inviting members of the Civic Associations to a Youth Commission meeting.

Liaison Reports:

A. October 2015 Town Council Update:

- 1) Policies regarding property management – crafted an ordinance – which passed – requiring vehicles parked in yards in public view must be registered.

A. West Barnstable Civic Association Update: Brendan reported:

- 1) Discussed clean up day on Route 6A
- 2) Tree lighting plans
- 3) Request to install lighting at WBCC

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

A. MA Association of School Committees and School Superintendents – Brendan is limited on the invites he can extend – he will e-mail the info. Those interested in attending, please reply to Brendan.

Next meeting – October 28, 2015.

Entertain a motion to adjourn by **Brendan Smith**; so moved by **Sara Mannel** – seconded by **Carrie Osborn**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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