



Town of Barnstable
BARNSTABLE RECREATION



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Barnstable Youth Commission Minutes

November 14, 2023 ~ 6:30 P.M. - 7:30

Hyannis Youth and Community Center Shepley Room

Flynn Kayajan called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Notice of Recording

Roll Call

Present: Mary Flynn Kayajan (Chair), Laik O'Reilly (Co-Chair), Jaden Jeffries, Eric Arabadzhiev, Connor O'Reilly, Piper Hunt, Michaela Stampfl, Maddy Boyle, Megan Garthee, Shalanda Grant, Sophie Machnik, Daniel Gomes, Noah West, George Noonan (Assistant Director Recreation Division), Officer Gene Desruisseaux (Barnstable Police Department), Sandra Merritt (Principal Division Assistant),

Absent: Eric Arabadzhiev, Mary Steinhilber, Kipp Diggs (Adult Advisor), Officer Brian Morrison

Minutes: Jayden Jeffries made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023 meeting; Connor O'Reilly seconded; All in favor; motion passed.

Public Comment: None

The decision was made to go out of order for the first item of New Business

New Business

- A. Danielle Whitney-Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office
 - a. Gave an overview of the District Attorney's role including community outreach
 - b. Keep Them Coming Program
 - c. Offer of their office for support to the Youth Commission on possible youth issues
 - d. Discussion ensued

Old Business

- A. **Substance Abuse Forum**
 - a. Gino summarized event
 - b. Discussion on the marketing of event next year
 - i. Through Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

- ii. Spot on the morning radio show
 - iii. Make a slide show from pictures from the event - a visual reel
 - iv. Advertise on Facebook and Instagram
 - v. All call did not happen
 - c. Discussed the renaming of the event
 - i. Change the name - do not use trigger words
 - d. Discussed partnering up with other organizations
 - e. Discussed how to present it to the community
 - i. Record and live stream it next year
 - ii. Have a television interview as part of the forum
- B. Substance Abuse Forum**
 - a. November 9th at the Barnstable Adult Community Center
 - b. Discussion on what speakers to have
 - c. Officer Desruisseaux will get the Hidden In Plain Sight trailer
 - d. Discussion on set up, organization of event, and promotion of the event
 - e. Laik will inquire about having a table at the Barnstable High School Club Night
 - f. Flynn will do a flyer for the club night table
- C. Membership**
 - a. George spoke to the need for new members and encouraged commissioners to recruit people
 - b. Talked about doing a promotion video

Continue With New Business

- B. Job Fair - Amy Harwood, Town of Barnstable Planning and Development and Kat from Mass Hire Cape and Islands Career Center**
 - a. To be held March 6, 2024
 - b. Kat gave an overview of the resources they can offer to support the event
 - c. Discussed ideas about ways to improve the event
 - i. Better utilization of CCRTA
 - ii. Set up job coaching with school counselors prior to the event
 - iii. Have side area for completing job applications
 - iv. Have a speaker like Water Works
 - v. Have a job resource section (example: how to open bank account)
 - vi. Have a parent section to separate them from the student job seekers
 - d. Sub-committee needs to be formed
 - e. Bus transportation needs to be secured
- C. New Memberships**
 - a. Noah has submitted his application
 - b. George reviewed need for new commission members and urged continued outreach
- D. Youth Summit**
 - a. Needs to be before AP exams
 - i. Connor will look at these dates
- E. Environmental Committee - Laik O'Reilly**
 - a. Laik reached out to Save Dowses but has not heard back

Items Not On Agenda

- A. Food Drive Event - Laik O'Reilly**
 - a. To be held February 10, 2024 - same day as the Super Bowl



- b. Laik attended the Yarmouth Food Drive
 - ii. They had a presence at four grocery stores with one commission member at each
 - iii. They worked in two-hour shifts
 - c. What's needed is people
 - d. She called Barnstable Market to ask permission to be at their location
 - B. George relayed information on other organizations that have reached out seeking to work with the Youth Commission
 - b. George will send out information for discussion at the next meeting
 - C. Social Team Building
 - a. Needs more discussion for a decision to be made
 - D. Amy Harwood
 - a. She asked the Youth Commission to look at the Local Comprehensive Plan as they are looking for feedback from all age groups
 - b. She provided information on the Greening The Gateway Program in Barnstable
 - i. Laik asked if this could go under the Environmental Committee
 - ii. Amy will send George the information
 - E. George read a thank you note from Dr. Schaider of Silent Spring which stated they hit their goal with the help from the Youth Commission
- Jayden Jeffries made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Piper Hunt seconded; All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Merritt
Principal Recreation Division Assistant

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 6:30 PM
Hyannis Youth and Community Center - Shepley Room**

