



Town of Barnstable  
**BARNSTABLE RECREATION**



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**Barnstable Youth Commission Minutes**

March 26, 2024 ~ 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Flynn Kayajan called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Notice of Recording** - Sandra Merritt is recording the meeting as a back-up for the taking of the minutes

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Mary Flynn Kayajan (Chair), Laik O'Reilly (Co-Chair), Jaden Jeffries, Piper Hunt, Connor O'Reilly, Mary Steinhilber, Michaela Stampfl, Sophie Machnik, Daniel Gomes, Megan Garthee, Shalanda Grant, Maddy Boyle, Noah Lyonnais, George Noonan (Assistant Director Recreation Division), Kipp Diggs (Adult Advisor)

**Absent:** Eric Arabadzhev, Officer Gene Desruisseaux (Barnstable Police Department), Officer Brian Morrison

**Minutes:** Laik O'Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024 and March 12, 2024 meetings; Mary Steinhilber seconded; All in favor; motion passed.

**Public Comment** - None

**Old Business**

**A. Youth Summit**

- a. Connor emailed Ms. Swindler regarding peer leaders and is waiting to hear back from her
  - i. Jayden and George also reach out to her but have not heard back
  - ii. George will reach out to her again
  - iii. Laid will reach out to Ms. Swindler
- b. Jayden will reach out to the Y Achievers to see if they want to participate
- c. Jayden suggested getting the National Honor Society to volunteer as they could supplement peer leader participation

**B. One Love**

- a. Will be held at Barnstable High School on April 23, 2024
- b. Signs Of Suicide event is being held the same morning as One Love

- i. Discussion held on these events happening the same day and on how to organize the student groups based on this
- c. Mary will find out if the Sign Of Suicide event is being held in the PAC
- d. Pre-made groups works better and facilitators can be assigned based on this setup
- e. Lists will be put on doors so the students know where to go
- f. Tape off seats to create structure
- g. Arrange to have the event announced in the school morning announcements
- h. All Commissioners are to be at the One Love event
- i. George will reach out to the District Attorney's office, Barnstable Police Department, Independence House and Recreation Division for facilitators
- j. Noah, Nate and Junior DeOliveira will need training
  - i. You can get retrained on your own by going to the One Love website and creating an account
  - ii. Flynn will send out the steps on how to do this
- l. Amy will reach out to tech students for interest

#### **New Business**

- A. The Recreation Division won the 2024 Massachusetts Recreation Performance Award
  - i. This was a direct result of the work of the Youth Commission does which was highlighted in the application
- B. Matters not anticipated
  - a. Kipp Diggs congratulated Laik and Piper on being invited to the Governor's Council

Motion made by Mary Steinhilber to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Jaden Jeffires. **All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Merritt  
Principal Recreation Division Assistant

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
Hyannis Youth and Community Center - Shepley Room**

