



Town of Barnstable  
**BARNSTABLE RECREATION**



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**Barnstable Youth Commission Minutes**  
November 22, 2022 ~ 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 via Zoom

Isabelle Rudy called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Notice of Recording:** Yes - Meeting being audio recorded by via Zoom for the purpose of taking minutes.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Alex Arabadzhiev, Isabelle Rudy (Chair), Luc-Andre Sader (Vice Chair), Connor O'Reilly, Laik O'Reilly, Mary Flynn Kayajan, Mary Steinhilber, Piper Hunt, Maddy Boyle, Eric Arabadzhiev, George Noonan (Assistant Director Recreation Division), Jean Challies (Barnstable Police Department), Representative Kip Diggs (Adult Advisor), Officer Gene Desruisseaux, Sandra Merritt (Principal Division Assistant)

**Absent:** Cameron Levesque, Jaden Jeffries, Piper Hunt, Michaela Stampfl, Haley Labdon, Eric Arabadzhiev, Maddie Boyle, Kellie Crawley (Adult Advisor), Officer Brian Morrison

**Minutes:** Luc-Andre Sader made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting; Laik O'Reilly seconded; All in favor; motion passed.

Laik O'Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting; Mary Steinhilber seconded; All in favor; motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business**

**A. Substance Abuse Forum Wrap Up**

- a. Content was good
- b. Q & A was good
- c. Discussion on the speaker's message, focus and to try a fresh approach
- d. Student interaction would be good
- e. Focus more on students
- f. Improve on publicizing the event

## ***New Business***

### **A. Silent Spring Institute**

- a. **Dr. Laurel Shaider** – Senior scientist at Silent Spring Institute and lead investigator of Massachusetts PFAS and Your Health Study
  - o [shaider@silentspring.org](mailto:shaider@silentspring.org) 508-296-4298
  - o Provided overview
  - o Currently recruiting people to take part in the study
  - o Hyannis is in the study due to higher breast cancer rates in Hyannis
  - o Location for visits of those participating is 171 Main Street, Hyannis, MA
  - o Measuring levels of PFAS in blood along with other indicators in blood
  - o Movie suggestions of films that talk about PFAS are Dark Waters and The Devil We Know
- b. Cheryl Osimo – Executive Director of Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition and Co-founder of Silent Spring
  - o 508-246-3047
  - o Gave thanks to community members for their support
  - o Community Service hours are available for students who volunteer
- c. BettyAnne Bevis – Volunteer for Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition and helping in the recruitment of people for the study
- d. Abby Blin – Post Doctoral Research Fellow at Silent Spring
- e. Discussion ensued as to how the Youth Commission can get involved
  - o Suggestion of showing films along with a panel
  - o Dark Waters and The Devil We Know
  - o Environment Sub-committee can address this topic and can work in conjunction with the Public Health Sub-committee
    1. Volunteers for Environment Sub-committee: Mary Steinhilber, Laik O'Reilly, Jaden Jeffires, Maddy Boyle, Luc-Andre Sader

### **B. Subcommittees**

- a. Instagram – **Izzy Rudy**
  - o A Handle will have to be chosen
  - o Options that were decided on were read aloud
  - o Izzy will email the suggestions to the Commission members
- b. Job Fair – **Alex Arabadzhev**
  - o **Izzy** will put Alex in contact with Amy to arrange to meet in December

### **C. New Member Update – Luc-Andre Sader**

- a. Luc gave update
- b. George explained process of joining

### **D. Job Fair**

- a. March 8, 2023 date is set
- b. Location is the Hyannis Youth and Community Center

### **E. Youth Summit**

- a. Date not yet set
- b. Waiting to hear if Cape Cod Community College will be available
- c. Will meet with Barnstable School Superintendent and Barnstable High School Principal

### **F. December Schedule**



- a. Will have one meeting only in December on 12/13
- G. Business not anticipated prior to Agenda posting
  - a. Suggestion for a Cell Phone Prevention Summit
- H. Officer Desruisseaux will be stepping in for Deputy Chief Challies as the primary contact for the Barnstable Police Department

**Mary Steinhilber** made a motion to adjourn the meeting; **Laik O'Reilly** seconded; All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Merritt  
Principal Recreation Division Assistant

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:30 PM**  
**Hyannis Youth and Community Center - Shepley Room**

