



Town of Barnstable
BARNSTABLE RECREATION



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Barnstable Youth Commission Minutes

March 12, 2024 ~ 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Flynn Kayajan called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Notice of Recording - George Noonan recording the meeting as a back-up for the minutes

Roll Call

Present: Mary Flynn Kayajan (Chair), Laik O'Reilly (Co-Chair), Jaden Jeffries, Piper Hunt, Eric Arabadzhiev, Connor O'Reilly, Mary Steinhilber, Sophie Machnik, Megan Garthee, Shalanda Grant, George Noonan (Assistant Director Recreation Division), Officer Gene Desruisseaux (Barnstable Police Department)

Absent: Maddy Boyle, Daniel Gomes, Michaela Stampfl, Kipp Diggs (Adult Advisor), Officer Brian Morrison

Minutes: No Vote

Public Comment - None

Old Business

A. Taking out of order - One Love

- a. Barnstable High School approved dates of April 8th and April 9th, 2024
- b. Falmouth Academy said no to the program and St. John Paul is still not determined
- c. Present to class of 2024
- d. Finding enough adults as well as facilitators at this late date could be challenging
 - i. Discussion followed on best way to organize and how to present the event
 - ii. Dates are questionable according to school facility calendar
 - iii. George will check on availability of the building
 - iv. Decision will be made later on whether it's feasible to hold the event

B. Job Fair - Wrap Up

- a. Last year 295 students signed up, 40 businesses attended and the furthest school to come was Rising Tide of Plymouth
- b. This year 288 students signed up, 42 businesses attended, and the furthest schools were Waltham and Dover/Sherborne

- c. Consensus was that the event went well
- d. The parents room served the purpose it was intended for and was a success
- e. Sturgis had a half day of school that day so not as many students from that school attended - look at this next year
- f. Job coaching element would be a good aspect next year
- g. Some businesses broke down table early so there is a need to encourage them to stay until the end
- h. Job board can be found at businessbarnstable.com
- i. Assign roles to commissioners in order to be more engaged during the event

C. Youth Summit

- a. Peer Leaders - Jayden reached out to the persons in charge of the peer leaders but they have not been helpful or available
 - i. George will reach out to them
- b. Speakers and facilities are booked
- c. Jaden can talk to the main office and also Luc about the clubs

New Business

- A. Rene King - Barnstable Recreation Commission Chairwoman
 - a. She provided her background on what prompted her to get involved
 - b. The Recreation Commission will be going on a road trip in May to find out about community needs
 - c. She asked what the needs of the Youth Commission are and asked them to think about this
 - d. She is also a member of the Barnstable Rotary Club and she gave a rundown of upcoming events that the Youth Commissioners can get involved with for community service hours
- B. Matters not anticipated
 - a. Amy Harwood - Greening Hyannis Project at greeninghyannis.com
 - i. Environmental sub-committee may want to get involved in this
 - ii. Both residential and business property owners can get involved to increase the tree canopy
 - iii. They are working on getting the word out
 - iv. Concentration is on getting people signed up
 - v. There will be a spring and a fall planting day
 - vi. Amy will give Laik the contact information
- C. New commissioners
 - a. George introduced Noah Palmer who will be a full commissioner
 - b. There will be three new commissioners joining
- D. Treasured Life Initiative
 - a. They want to come to talk to the Youth Commission again about an upcoming event
 - b. Discussion was held on the Youth Commission's take on whether to get involved with the group or not
- E. The Town's Government Access Channel



- a. They want the Youth Commission to activate their Facebook part of their account - Instagram is owned by Facebook
- b. George will talk to Michaela about it

Motion made by Laik O'Reilly to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Jaden Jeffires. **All in favor.**
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Merritt
Principal Recreation Division Assistant

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 via Zoom

