

BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

January 10, 2013 (Revised)

Commission Members Present: Elizabeth Ells, Colleen Morin, Samuel Spillane, Chris Bartley, Anthony Beverly, Sally-Ann Imes, Reid Hall, Colleen Kadar, and Patti Machado.

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Ells at 2:10 pm

Everyone signed in and introductions were made.

Elizabeth Ells passed around a card for everyone on the Commission to sign and send out to Chris Farber, hoping she feels well.

Sally-Ann Imes offered to help Sam Spillane with the Barnstable Now Youth TV Program. They will schedule a time and place to meet to go over specific questions. Once they have specific questions, Sally offered to schedule an interview and contact a videographer. Tony Beverly will assist with music for program. Sally will meet with Colleen Kadar and Tony Beverly. Suggestions on possible television programs included interviewing the Math Team, Mark Boardley at the HYCC, the Recreation Division and topics such as bullying. Everyone was asked to provide a name of someone to interview at the next meeting.

Sam Spillane gave an update on the Barnstable Youth Commission website.

Colleen Morin discussed the rewrite of the Barnstable Youth Commission description flyer. Elizabeth Ells will look it over. It can be distributed at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, at Barnstable High School, and included on the website. There was discussion about the commissioners being sworn in by the Town Clerk.

The task of the Family Fun Night brochure would have to be reassigned. The person who was working on it is no longer attending meetings. Elizabeth Ells and Colleen Morin offered to help with the brochure and will meet with Sally-Ann Imes. Elizabeth would like to include a statement from the group. As of the meeting, there were currently eight tables reserved for Family Fun Night on Friday, March 1. There will be a couple bands and a martial arts group attending, as well as asking student groups and non-profit groups.

Elizabeth Ells will write up a more finalized copy of the expectations of commissioners which will then be voted on. Elizabeth suggested that it be valid for one year.

Chris Bartley will continue to handle public relations announcements and will include the Barnstable Youth Commission meetings in the announcements. Patti Machado suggested including Family Fun Night in the announcements, as well, and using a camera to take photos to include with announcements.

Sally spoke with a reporter at the Barnstable Patriot and they may attend the next YES meeting on January 17, 2013 with guest speaker, Jean Calvert, with the Massachusetts Department of

Mental Health. Ms. Calvert is a member of the Mobile Crisis unit and will hopefully be able to attend the meeting. Please promote this meeting to all students.

The After School Homework Help Volunteer Group needs more volunteers for children in grades 3-6. They meet at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center, 3 pm to 5 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. There are more and more students and not enough volunteers. Elizabeth Ells and Chris Bartley each volunteer once a week and Colleen Kadar is referring a student who wants to volunteer to Moira. Patti Machado asked if the commission could reach out to the National Honor Society to help. Colleen Morin offered to reach out to the Spanish National Honor Society, as well.

Other topics that were discussed were “Battle of the Bands” or a dance. Elizabeth Ells will talk to Joe Izzo, General Manager, at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center to see if it could be held at the Rink. Sally asked if Tony’s band would be interested in playing - it would be good publicity.

Elizabeth Ells brought up another idea regarding donating prom dresses. Sally-Ann Imes mentioned a similar program called “Cinderella Dreams” and will try to get a contact name for that group.

A discussion took place in regard to canceling the next meeting on January 24th which falls during mid-terms. Everyone will be contacted to see if there will be a quorum. The meeting may have to be cancelled.

Colleen Kadar stated that Elizabeth Wurfbain is starting to plan the April Festival, which is scheduled for the last weekend in April. The theme is “All the Things There Are to Do”, such as fishing demonstrations, gardening, chalk art, kung fu at the Village Green, etc. They have invited the Barnstable Youth Commission to take part.

Patti Machado gave a description of the Youth Commission long-sleeve t-shirts. On the front it will say, “Barnstable Youth Commission”, down the arm, either – Commissioner or Adviser, and on the back, “The Voice of Barnstable Youth”. We will hopefully have them to wear for Family Fun Night. It will make people notice you and question, what do you do? Please provide Patti with your name and size.

Chris Bartley mentioned more recognition through community service. Patti stated that, “If it’s a passion, you can make it happen.”

Chris Bartley made a motion to adjourn Colleen Morin second all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Slezak, Recreation Division.

