



Town of Barnstable  
**BARNSTABLE RECREATION**



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**Barnstable Youth Commission Minutes**  
September 11, 2024 ~ 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Mary Steinhilber called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Steinhilber (Chair), Michaela Stampfl (Vice-Chair), Jaden Jeffries, Sophie Machnik, Daniel Gomes, Shalanda Grant, Noah Lyonnais, Nate Ludtke, Welmer DeOliveira, George Noonan (Assistant Director Recreation Division)

**Absent:** Maddy Boyle, Megan Garthee, Kipp Diggs (Adult Advisor)

**Minutes:** **Jayden Jeffries** made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 meeting; Sophie Machnik seconded; All in favor; motion passed. **Jayden Jeffries** made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2024 meeting; Shalanda Grant seconded; All in favor; motion passed.

**Public Comment** - None

**Old Business**

**A. New Members**

- a. New member Welmer DeOliveira was present for his first meeting
- b. Commissioners know of several students who may be interested in joining and will actively seek them out

**B. Meeting Schedule for The Year**

- a. Going forward meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month
- b. The time of the meetings will be at 6:30PM
- c. The meetings will be held in person unless it is determined there are circumstances for the meeting to be via zoom for a particulate meeting

**New Business**



**A. Review Of Year's Agenda with Introduction Of Events To New Members**

- a. Substance Abuse Forum
  - i. Held at the Barnstable Adult Community Center to educate parents on substance abuse issues
  - ii. Police officers use the Hidden In Plain Sight trailer as a tool for this
  - iii. Presentations made by police officers and others
  - iv. George will ask Kevin Rosario if he can present
  - v. Marketing to BIS student's parents needs to be made
- b. One Love
  - i. This informs students about abusive relationships and how to recognize them
  - ii. Target age will be sophomores
  - iii. There is a multi-media "Behind The Post" presentation followed by break out groups for discussion afterwards
  - iv. Mary spoke with Ms. Regan about setting up a meeting to get this started
- c. Youth Summit
  - i. This event is for the entire 7<sup>th</sup> grade class entering high school the following year
  - ii. It informs them on what life is like at the high school and what they to expect
  - iii. Clubs and peer leaders from the high school participate
  - iv. There are now peer mediators who work with the peer leaders who will be helpful in the organization of the event
  - v. Ms. Wojkowski is the head of the National Honor Society and will be able to assist in getting students from this group to participate
  - vi. This event requires the most work of all the events throughout the year and requires a lot of people's participation
- d. Job Fair
  - i. This brings in local businesses who offer employment to youth
  - ii. It is held in March
  - iii. Last year 40 businesses came to participate
  - iv. 380 students attended
- e. Food Drive
  - i. Was a new event last year
  - ii. Students go to various food stores to get donations
  - iii. Will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 2025
  - iv. The National Honor Society helped last year
  - v. Food collected will go to a food pantry

**Matters Not Anticipated**

- a. The Town of Barnstable Water Commissioners would like a Youth Commissioner to join them as a Liaison
- b. A Liaison will need to be appointed for the Recreation Commission

Motion made by Sophie Machaik to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Jayden Jeffries. **All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Merritt  
Principal Recreation Division Assistant

**Next Meeting: September 25, 2024**  
**Hyannis Youth and Community Center - Shepley Room**

