

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

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BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION

September 10, 2015 Minutes

A quorum not being duly present, **Chairman Brendan Clark** called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Present: Brendan W. Clark (Chairman), Patti Machado (Leisure Services Director), Jeniffer Cullum (Town Council Liaison), Carrie Osborn, Allianna DeBarros, Molly Autery, Lily Sethares, Sean Smith, Caleb Sonnabend, and Allison Wolfe

Absent: Jen Ellis (Police Officer), Bobbi Moritz (Barnstable County Resource Officer), Kathleen Murtaugh, George Noonan (Program Coordinator), James Sturgis (Police Officer), Michael Hersey (Adult Advisor), Jeanne Challies (Police Officer), Matthew Hersey

Public Comment: **Brendan** welcomed all new members. Great to see new faces.

Old Business:

A. Youth Summit Thank You Notes: Not sure of the status – will check with Lianna – if they have not been mailed, ones will be mailed and include a note introducing the new Commission members.

B. M.G.L.A. 123 § 35 Updates: **Brendan** has only heard that this is still an active work in progress. One law pertains to extending the scope of PC'ing individuals and the other one pertains to extending the hospital stay of individuals admitted while under the effects of Narcan.

C. Updates on Synthetic Marijuana Efforts: Town Council passed the ordinance of banning sales of all synthetic marijuana. The sticker support system could eventually be an option but is on the back burner for now.

D. Fall Festival: Too late to plan for this year – maybe lean towards a winter or spring festival.

New Business:

A. Welcome to the New Commissioners: **Brendan** welcomed all in attendance. He added that their voices will be heard. They will help to fight for the good and make changes. The commission always listens; please bring any concerns and ideas forward. **Patti** asked the new members why they joined – answers were varied:

- Intrigue and interest in bringing light to educating peers
- Heard it was fun
- Wanted to give back to the Town and give kids a voice
- An interest in changing town and society; give back to the greater good
- Can add this role on college applications and,
- To learn more about the Town.

Communication is essential to the success of the Commission. Text messages will be one of the ways to communicate for agenda items, if you will not be at a meeting, or for any info you want to get to any Board member. **Brendan** will be sending out highlights of each meeting via e-mail.

B. Introduction to Robert's Rules: **Brendan** explained that meetings will attempt to be held according to Robert's Rules – a parliamentary procedure. He will be setting up a workshop on Robert's Rules.

C. Review of Commission Summer Cookout: **Brendan** asked for feedback from those that attended. One mentioned that it was too wide open – attendees were spread out all over – an enclosed area might be better. Get more parents to attend.

D. Youth Summit Updates Fiscal Year 2016: Great feedback received from both students and adults. Will repeat the Summit this year. Planning needs to start soon – need to decide on a date and a venue. Workshops for the Summit are mandatory (Prior to scheduled meetings at 5:30 p.m.). Bring forward your concerns and ideas. **Jen** spoke with Mark Ells, Asst Town Mgr., about the lack of prevention programs and Mark suggested the Youth Commission make their own prevention programs.

E. Commission Summer Radio/Television News: **Brendan, Matt and Jen** did an excellent interview with WQRC for their Sunday Journal program. There are ample opportunities to use this vessel for communication. Proactive vs. reactive. **Patti** would like to see the members do a scheduled show either through the Sunday Journal or Channel 18.

F. Other Liaison Positions/Interested Commissioners: Many opportunities available through various committees throughout the Town. **Brendan** will seek out any openings at the next Town Council Meeting. Committees can also be found on the Town Web page.

Liaison Reports: **Brendan**, liaison to the Town Council, reported on the Synthetic Marijuana ban and plastic bag ban ordinances.

Next meeting – September 23, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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