

**Youth Services Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 13, 2015 – 5:30 pm.**  
**Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room**

**Present:** Bill O'Brien, Melissa Petrone, Carol Wiggins, Trooper DeCarli, Dan Levittt, Denise Merril, Brian Keldsen

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from September 9<sup>th</sup> approved, with the amendment of AHM Party Patrol added in the Resident Trooper update, 6-0-1.
- 3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Natasha Nau, Kerri Hoffman, Carmen Vance, Mark Volza, Joel Rosenberg, Michelle Hamilton.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - 1. Presentation by The Power Team:** Two churches looking to partner with the town to offset the cost. There should be sufficient room at the school to provide presentation. Looking to have people volunteer items to offset costs of presentation.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
  - 1. NECASA Annual Volunteer with Youth Award Nominations:** Bill O'Brien nominates Ann Dunnack for the youth award. Bill moves, Brian seconds, that we nominate Ann Dunnack and Alyssa Gwinel for the NECASA awards, motion passes 7-0-0.
  - 2. Annual Nilan Award Nominations:** Kerri Hoffman nominates Alyssa Gwinel Porter Principal, as she has done wonderful work with the school, working with students, and interacting with students.
  - 3. Informal discussion of youth services issues with community leaders and citizens.** Joel will be stepping down as AHM Executive Director but staying on in funding/development capacity. Joel reviewed 2014-2015 numbers, Joel noted that services may have been used more than once by a single individual. Services included after school programming, internet safety class, family therapy/individual therapy. JRB serviced 8 Columbia teens, TASK program 34 Columbia teens. Carole asks proportionately speaking how do we match up to other towns with participation in AHM activities, Joel notes that it is difficult to answer because RHAM makes up some services Columbia would not have access to e.g., Project Graduation, etc. Kerri Hoffman is making an effort to spread the word amongst Columbia High School students. Natasha stated that the town's youth and family page redirects to AHM page and she ensures

that events are put on the town's homepage. Carmen asks about large group activities and employment training is the TASK groups. Hunger Action Group, comprised of faith, civic and town people to eliminate poverty, developed a resource guide that is electronic. Natasha will put it on the town's web page. Next Teen Night is October 24<sup>th</sup> at Yeoman's Hall Halloween Party, need 3 chaperones.

1. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:** Next meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm .

Received: December 7, 2015  
At: 2:41 pm  
Attest: Robin M. Kempfert  
Town Clerk/ Assistant Town Clerk