

**MINUTES**  
**Youth Services Committee**  
**Meeting of Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

**Present:** Bill O'Brien, Carol Wiggins, Gregory DeCarli, Dan Leavitt, Brian Keldsen and Denise Morell

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** No non-committee members present.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**  
**Update - Andover Hebron Marlborough Youth and Family Services (AHM)**

Brian and Denise explained that the AHM Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force has received a National Drug Free Communities grant. There are ten specific goals of this grant, which are as follows:

- To expand the Task Force membership to involve more local stakeholders in our efforts to reduce youth alcohol and marijuana use and prescription drug misuse.
- To establish a Youth Commission engaging young leaders from our communities to help create and implement a peer-to-peer and youth-to-adult media campaign regarding marijuana use.
- To expand support to Project Graduation in order to build community interest in all efforts that help young people and adults better understand and respect laws around drinking and driving.
- To train young people and Task Force members in prevention science outcome based methods through training at state, national and regional drug prevention conferences.
- To establish an anonymous party tip line.
- To support our Resident Troopers enforcement efforts to deter underage drinking and drug use.
- To purchase alcohol sensors for school and community events to deter underage drinking/drug use.
- To support our annual DEA drug prescription "Take Back" events.
- To promote the utilization of Connecticut's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- To conduct a drug prevention media campaign to educate local children and adults

Denise and Brian noted that Columbia high school students will be needed to volunteer and actively serve on the Youth Commission.

Denise also reported that AHM has reopened its search for a Program Director. The Program Director is responsible for the supervision and management of AHM's Youth Service Bureau and Family Resource Center. Candidates must demonstrate a minimum of five consecutive years working in a management and supervisory capacity as well as experience using scientific research methods for collecting, analyzing and interpreting demographic and other statistical data.

**2016 Conference of Workshops and Speakers**

A discussion was held regarding preliminary step necessary to begin planning the 2016 Conference of Workshops and Speakers. Committee members agreed that the conference should be a one day conference held in the winter. Brian emphasized that the first step in the process would be to establish a budget. He noted that Joel Rosenberg is willing to assist the committee in developing a roster of speakers.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Received: October 22, 2014.  
At 8:15 am  
Attest: Robin M. Kenefick  
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk