

**Youth Services Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 11, 2016 – 5:30 pm.**  
**Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room**

**Present:** Bill O'Brien, Melissa Petrone, Carol Wiggins, Maureen Allen, Alyssa Gwinnell, Dan Leavitt, Denise Morell, Laurie Rogers

1.     **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.
  
2.     **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 2016 MEETING :** Minutes approved for 3/9/16 meeting 6-0-0.
  
3.     **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Marc Volza (Rec Director), Lol Ferron (Columbia Schools Superintendent), Carmen Vance (First Selectmen), Chris Lent (Board of Education), Sandy Reese (HWP), Michelle Hamilton (AHM), Leo Representatives
  
4.     **NEW BUSINESS:**  
Carmen states that town expanded Recreation Director from part-time to full-time. Mark speaks to seven new activities are being implemented, Fun Runs, etc. Mark states that parents usually are the individuals suggesting activities for kids. Teen Nights were not well attended. Alyssa speaks to expanding events so that it draws all different types of kids. She gave example of activity nights combined with a dance. Lori Rogers wants activities for teens. Many in audience agree that teens gravitate to their friends and are not interested in organized activities. Discussion about teen activities ensues and why teens don't attend. Suggestion was made to host a party at the lake in the Fall for high school aged kids. This would allow for teens who are attending different high schools to see one another.
  
7.     **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:35.