

**Minutes of
Youth Services Committee Meeting
January 10, 2018**

Members Present: Carol Wiggins, Maureen Allen, Rebecca Allen, Greg DeCarli, Dan Leavitt, Bill O'Brien, Melissa Petrone, Denise Morrell, Marc Volza.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 13, 2017 and November 8, 2017 meetings were unanimously approved without revisions.

3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of 11/8/2017 presentation and discussion on "Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness". Future speakers and/or presentations?

A discussion was held regarding the "Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness" presentation by Trooper Kate Cummings on November 8, 2018. Bill commented that it was very well received by attendees.

Greg suggested that the committee should consider hosting events at a more convenient time to improve attendance. It was the consensus of the committee that we should no longer schedule future speakers and/or presentations at our regular 5:30 p.m. meeting time, but, instead, later in the evening.

Carol also suggested that the Porter PTO might be a good resource to publicize future events.

As to future speakers/presentations, Rebecca suggested "Problem Gambling Prevention" as a possible topic. A discussion was held about hosting an educational and awareness presentation on problem gambling in the future.

2018 YSC Meeting Schedule

A copy of the 2018 YSC meeting schedule was distributed to committee members.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Update from Andover Hebron Marlborough Youth and Family Services (AHM)

Fliers from AHM were distributed and a discussion was held regarding the "SMART Recovery" program being initiated by AHM through grants from DCF and DMHAS. Bill reported that the SMART Recovery Groups for 16-18 year olds dealing with substance abuse are being planned to start in mid to late February with parent support groups as well.

A flyer regarding Free Narcan Training being hosted by AHM on February 13, 2018 was also distributed.

Update from Resident Trooper

No update from Trooper DeCarli.

Update from Horace W. Porter School

No update from Porter School.

Update from Columbia Parks and Recreation

Marc reported that the youth basketball program is starting with 200 children signed up.

Youth Service Committee vacancies

Bill reported that the Board of Selectman had recently reappointed all YSC members to another four year term.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.