

**MEETING MINUTES
YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
6:30 P.M., EAST GRANBY FARMS
*THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE VIA ZOOM**

Members Present: Bob Ravens-Seger, Erin Russel, Jonathan Ciottone, Josette Lumbruno, Angela Ciottone. Staff Present: Alicia Van Neil, Mason Williams, Bonnie Jones.

1. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None.
3. Correspondence – None.
4. Review of Minutes – Bob Motioned to accept the December 2020 meeting minutes, and seconded by Josette. Unanimously approved.
5. Additions To Agenda – None.
6. Old Business
 - Programming and Remote Availability – Baby Sitting, Home Alone and First Aid will be provided remotely or in person.
 - Status of PSAs in connection with grant – The YAC facilitators are working on getting information on Vaping into the schools with an eye to identifying the deadline required for use of the grant money.
7. New Business
 - Update on YAC – Both MS and HS –Mason/Bonnie. Despite restrictions, both the MS and HS Youth Action Councils have been busy with activities. The HS YAC ran a Valentine craft day, and they are working to help the Parks & Rec Department with the Easter Egg Hunt. The MS YAC ran a remote Lego competition, and are working on a Town beautification project. They are also partnering with the Land Trust for

- Earth Day, and talking about the possibility of delivering good cheer to the elderly community in town.
- Upcoming Programming – Josette has been working with the school to provide students with meditation sessions.
 - Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Changes lead by Alicia Van Neil – We are pleased to report that the Town of East Granby will be running its own Youth Services Bureau lead by Alicia Van Neil. As such the contract with Granby will end this fiscal year. Both Mason and Bonnie will be employed by the Town of East Granby and report to Alicia. Alicia, with a background in social work, will be the Case Manager for the Juvenile Review Board. Sue Lawshe will continue to provide counseling services for those in need in our Town on an hourly basis. Alicia has been working on the transition with Sandy Yost.
 - YAC Applications – A draft of the YAC Application for 2021-2022 will be prepared for the Commission’s review for the next meeting.
 - Programming - We agreed upon the need to look at more programming that focuses on the mental health of our youth in these difficult times. Suggestions on using the money allocated to the Youth Services Bureau for an end of year party for the MS and the HS YAC was strongly encouraged.

8. Promotion

- Update Facebook – Mason has been updating.
- School District Website – Mason will continue to work on.
- Talk Turkey – Mason has been making submissions

- Upcoming events – We would like to have a table with literature at the East Egg Hunt, and possibly a table with something fun for Opening Day. Mason mentioned that the brochure may need to be recreated and will work on this to ensure that we have a steady supply of brochures.
9. Membership – Vacancies – There is one vacancy. We will likely ask Jim to publish this in Talk Turkey. Josette suggested that we could use diversity to the Commission and everyone agreed that would be good. Any suggestions of anyone who would be interested in volunteering their time with us is welcome. Alicia was able to confirm that the police officer position was approved for full membership. She will reach out to ensure that he is sworn in.
10. Public Comment – None.
11. Adjournment – Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Erin. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 19, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Ciottone